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OUR SPANISH RELATIONS.

A QUIETER FEELING BUT NO ABATEMENT IN PREPARATION.

Calmer views of the difficulty are taken in general conversation, and the indications in our dispatches from Washington are that a strong peace party will develop itself in Congress. The reported violence to the American Minister at Madrid is pronounced false in a cable dispatch from that city, and this is confirmed by a dispatch to the Spanish Minister in Washington. The note says Gen. Sickles is treated with consideration and respect, and that intemperate language in the Monarchical press was promptly silenced by the Government. The Spanish Colonial Minister, now in Havana, informs his colleagues that the restoration of embargoed property to American citizens is progressing. An interview between Castelar and Mr. Layard, the British Minister, is said to be favorable to the continuance of good relations. Arbitration by the Emperor of Germany is spoken of as a mode of settling the Virginius difficulty. Work is pressed forward in all the navy-yards with great vigor, continuing through Sunday at some of the yards.

The monitor Manhattan started for Key West yesterday, from Fort Mifflin, in tow of the Powhatan, and several other monitors are getting ready for sea, and will sail within a few days. The aspect of the question, in the light of international law, is discussed by Dr. Woolsey, of Yale Law School, and we lay it before our readers this morning.

FRIENDLY DISPOSITION OF SPAIN.

WILLINGNESS TO MAKE REPARATION AND GIVE GUARANTEES—A STRONG PEACE PARTY.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—The note received by Mr. Fish to-night from Madrid through the Spanish Minister, the substance of which is given through the Associated Press, is of great importance and makes the prospect of a peaceful solution of the Virginius difficulties seem more favorable than at any time heretofore. It indicates that the Spanish Government is in earnest in its desire for peace, and that Government already knows substantially what course on its part will avert war. No doubt is left as to the sincerity of the professions of the Castelar Government, and no doubt on this point would have been raised except for the bogus Madrid special, which the official announcement completely exposes. The situation is now just as it has been from the beginning. If the Spanish Republic is strong enough to sustain itself at home, and assert its control in Cuba, no doubt all the restitution which the United States can legally ask will be made for the seizure of the Virginius and any wrong done to American citizens, and proper guarantees for the future will be provided. Meantime, our Government relaxes nothing in its efforts to be prepared for any emergency that may arise.

SPANISH ABILITY TO FULFILL GUARANTEES.

In public discussions of the subject, the ability of Spain to meet our demands is doubted by many, and a prediction is made that the Castelar Government will not endure even if it avoid foreign complications. Our Government has no fight, of course, to act on any such assumption. It must consider that Spain can do what she ought and professes a desire to do, till such time as the fact that she cannot is demonstrated.

CALMER VIEWS.

The excitement among the people here has very much subsided, and there is less intensity in the war fever than a few days ago. There will certainly be a strong peace party in Congress. Mr. Sumner has already placed himself on that side, though it is regarded as strange that he should prefer to see the Republic established in Spain, with 600,000 slaves in Cuba, rather than have both the Spanish Republic and slavery in Cuba overturned together, if such should be the result of war.

WHAT RECOGNITION WOULD HAVE DONE.

The result none can of course foretell; there is still a clamor from some parties for recognition by our Government of the Cubans as belligerents. This has been the most prominent demand of Cuban sympathizers for several years. To show how worse than useless such a measure would be unless the United States were to accompany recognition with substantial aid, it is only necessary to mention that if this demand had been yielded to any time in the past, the capture of the Virginius on the high seas by the Spanish would have been entirely legal, and this Government would have had no right whatever to interfere, even to the extent of stopping the executions, which it has under the existing facts been able to accomplish.

SUBSTANCE OF A NOTE TO THE SPANISH MINISTER AT WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—The tone of the Spanish Ministry continues friendly, and a disposition is manifested to act in all matters in controversy in such a way as will preserve peace between the two nations. The only important communication received to-day from Madrid was by the Spanish Minister, Admiral Polo, who communicated the contents to Secretary Fish. The Spanish Government contradict the report of any hostile manifestations against the American Minister, and say that Gen. Sickles is treated with consideration and respect; that some intemperance of language of the Monarchical press was promptly silenced by the threat of immediate punishment, and that the Minister of the Colonies reports from Havana that the restoration of embargoed property to American citizens is being diligently proceeded with.

CALMER VIEWS ON THE VIRGINIUS QUESTIONS—PROSPECT OF A LONG CORRESPONDENCE—PAST GRIEVANCES.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—The Spanish question is everywhere discussed with more calmness than it was last week, and the impression seems to prevail to a greater extent than heretofore that there will be no war between the United States and Spain. It is expected in official and diplomatic circles that the correspondence on the subject of the capture of the Virginius and the proceedings which followed will be of brief duration. If this should be so it would be against all experience; for, among other things, the fact is revived that when the Lloyd Aspinwall, a legitimate merchant vessel, was seized by Spanish authority, more than three months elapsed before she was released and restored to her owners, the proceedings to that end extending through the Governments of the United States and Spain and the Cuban authorities. Our Government, it is known, has repeatedly protested against the treatment of citizens of the United States in the Island of Cuba, and owing to the earnest efforts of the Secretary of State a convention was concluded between this country and Spain in February, 1871, for the settlement of the claims of such citizens, or of their heirs, against Spain for wrongs and injuries committed against their persons and property on the Island of Cuba, or within its maritime jurisdiction, since the commencement of the present insurrection. The commission was accordingly organized, but has done little business in the way of decisions, owing to the continued disturbances preventing the taking of the necessary proofs in relation to some of the most important cases. There is nothing to show that in this matter Spain is not acting in good faith. One of the most serious complaints is that the property and estates of American citizens are arbitrarily embargoed in violation of the provisions of the treaty of 1795. The Secretary of State more than three years ago complained to the Spanish Government, through Gen. Sickles, that the Spanish authorities in Cuba seemed to be clothed with absolute power for the commission of such acts as were complained of, but when redress was sought, this Government was referred to the distant Cabinet of Madrid, where it was often found necessary to refer again to Cuba for information, and the case was thus suspended and delayed to the injury of the parties, and at the hazard of irritation from delay of which the necessity was not apparent to the impatient sufferers or to the public. The President had respected the Spanish claim of sovereignty over the Island of Cuba during the present contest against a strong sympathetic pressure from without, and it was added that Spain owed it to the United States, as well as to her own traditional sense of justice, that her sovereignty should not be used for the oppression and injury of the citizens of this Republic, and in this connection our Government expressed the hope that the arrest and embargoes complained of would not recur, and that immediate reparation would be made for those that had taken place. The recent capture of the Virginius, sailing under the American flag, and the summary proceedings at Santiago de Cuba, without giving the United States an opportunity of being heard as a party interested, are the cause of the present naval preparations, to prevent a recurrence of similar acts by being ready to compel respect to our flag and to guard our citizens, either in Cuba or on the seas, from arbitrary arrests and spoliation of their property.

A LEGAL VIEW OF THE QUESTION.

DR. WOOLSEY, OF THE YALE COLLEGE LAW SCHOOL, REVIEWS THE DIFFICULTY.

NEW-HAVEN, Conn., Nov. 23.—The following views were presented by Dr. Woolsey, at the Law School, on Saturday, noon, concerning the capture of the Virginius and the treatment of her passengers and crew in the light of international law:

The recent case of the Virginius presents itself to us under two aspects:

First—The seizure of the vessel was irregular, or is claimed so to be.

Secondly—The cruel treatment of the persons, or of some of the persons, found on board calls for our attention.

These two points have no necessary connection. The seizure would have had just the same legal or illegal character if the captured persons had been spared. If we could show that the proceeding in carrying the Virginius into a Cuban port was right, we might fail to show that there was any humanity or right in whatever was done afterward. As this last part of the transaction is most easily disposed of, I shall endeavor to dispatch it in a few words. As a general rule the independence of nations implies that they are the sole judges each of them as to what their laws and punishments shall be, and, to a considerable extent, as to their usages in war. Nations control each other, however, in the usages of war by retaliation and to a degree by treaty. But let there be some wholesale cruelty practiced in extreme severity toward prisoners, or the treatment of rebels as traitors, or of insurgent privateers as pirates, or let the laws and feelings of the people be so sanguinary toward insurgents that they give no quarter, and it will instantly arouse the sensibilities of the world. Other nations will justly remonstrate, and if unheeded may take further steps. Thus, if in our late war we had treated the prisoners taken from the Confederates as traitors. Great Britain and France, for instance, rightfully have interferred to put an end to such proceedings, either by threats or by actually recognizing the Confederate States as a nation. The cruelty of the Turks toward the Greeks led to the interference which ended in the battle of Navarino, and the recognition or Grecian independence. Dr. Wheaton says of these transactions that the Christian powers were eminently justified in their interference to secure a whole nation, not merely from religious persecution, but from the cruel alternative of being transported from their native land into Egyptian bondage, or exterminated by their merciless oppressors. The principle of this measure was fully justified by the great paramount law of self-preservation. The interference of the Christian Powers to put an end to this bloody contest might, therefore, have been safely rested on this ground alone, &c. Elements 2. page 1, section 10: "But one might ask, Is not such a measure a violation of national sovereignty? Undoubtedly it is. It is an extreme measure, allowable only in extreme cases, and therefore dangerous, and only to be applied with the utmost calmness and moderation. But we cannot get rid of such interferences now, that the intercourse of Christian States is so close and the conduct of each nation is felt and judged of by the enlightened sense of their peers throughout the world. Now, whether one case of inhumanity, and that a result of judicial trial, would call for remonstrance or for more, so long as there is no danger of its repetition, is a point which want of a complete knowledge of the circumstances puts it out of our power to decide. It may be that the just wrath of the Cubans against long-continued insurrection fed from abroad, called for an example. It may be that a fiendish spirit of savage cruelty, going up from the populace to the court, wreaked itself in a horrible way. I leave this to be decided by those who can get greater light and more reliable accounts than have come to me. The other part of the subject is the seizure of the Virginius upon the high seas. Were the papers sufficient to require that the vessel should be allowed to go on its way? Was the reasonable ground that the Spaniards had to believe that the vessel was really bound to the neighborhood of an insurrection in order to aid in it—was this, I ask, enough to authorise the seizing of the vessel and the carrying of her for trial into a Cuban port?

In regard to the circumstances we must here take much on faith, but the character and destination of the vessel seem to be admitted. What was the offense of the vessel is the point which we would examine. If we have a correct understanding of its character, the offense was not piracy according to the law of nations, for there was no animus furandi and no intention to do anything except to transport certain men and goods, from one port to another. It was not treason, of course, for any but the Spaniards who were on board and engaged in the enterprise. It was not a breach of blockade, for there was, as I understand it, no blockade. It was not technically carrying contraband of war, for there was not, technically, any war. It is difficult to define the crime, but it was a very great crime; no other than for a captain and vessel to be engaged in doing what was really a hostile act. Even more than carrying contraband, it was carrying officers of a high rank in the rebellion, as near to the scene of armed contest as possible. The crime was not piracy, at least, according to the law of nations, although possibly piracy by Spanish law. It is to be observed, also, that the vessel, although nominally American, seems to have belonged to Cubans, and to have been engaged in no reffular commerce. Now, in such a case as this, do the ordinary laws respecting the right of visit and capture apply? It seems to us that this is an extreme case, which the ordinary law of nations does not meet, and that the Spanish Captain of the Tornado was put to the necessity of making the capture for the sake of the peace of the Island. It was a case of necessary self-defense for preventing war. There is another case outside of ordinary law by which this may be illustrated. The steamer Caroline, in 1837, was employed by some Canadian insurgents to carry men and ammunition across the Niagara River. This being discovered, an expedition was prepared to capture and destroy the vessel on the Canadian side, but did not reach it until it had returned into New-York waters. There was great indignation felt at this proceeding, which involved a violation of neutral territory, besides other acts similar to those that occurred in the case of the Virginius. In the correspondence to which this act gave rise, Mr. Webster said that such violation of neutrality could be justified only by a necessity of self-defense, instant, overwhelming, having no choice of means and no moment of deliberation. Lord Ashburton contended—this was in 1842—that such a necessity existed, and regretted that no explanation of the act was made at the time of its occurrence. Can any one doubt that a strong nation—that the United States, for instance, would have preferred take the risk of acting in an irregular way, rather than allow such an expedition to come into its territory. It seems idle to try to judge such cases by ordinary rules. In the present instance the Spaniards could not say there was instant, overwhelming necessity for self-defense, but they could urge that they were practically invaded by their own insurgents, that it was necessary to seize the vessel while they could, as otherwise the insurrection would assume new proportions; in short, that the violation of neutrality was necessary, and that the circumstances called for instant action.

Another case from which we can draw illustrations is that of Kosta, who, having already made the usual declarations preparatory to being naturalized, was seized in Smyrna, when, provided with a passport there by the American Consul, taken by the boat's crew of an Austrian frigate and put in irons. It was reported that he was to be removed by the Austrian officials at Smyrna into Austria, and the Captain of a public vessel of the United States prepared to resort to force unless he were released. This led to his being put under the protection of the French Consul until the Governments which were at issue could agree. Now, would it have been in accordance with international law to use force in protecting him? Certainly not in ordinary cases, but here was an extreme case. Turkey was passive and impotent and could afford no protection. If Kosta had not have been helped at this moment he could not have been helped at all. The necessity justified, as it seemed to have done in the case of the Virginius. Here, let me ask, what have the Consuls of the United States been accustomed to do in the West Indies in smch cases as this of the Virginius? Do they think it their duty to give the official papers when they know that the transaction is utterly illegal? and, if this were so, I state it hopothetically, would it not show to the Spaniards that no reliance could be placed on our authorities in those waters to protect them against allowing expeditions really warlike to proceed under their very eyes against Cuba, you will see that this is, in some respects, a peculiar case. There is no war in Cuba, and yet there is war. The Virginius was an American vessel, and yet not an American vessel. All the defense of the vessel rested on sham, and the state of things in Cuba was in one sense a sham. The only reality about the matter was the terrible one that broke through the shams, that said, "This vessel means war, and we mean to take it for what it is; would you have us give up our right of self-defense against war for a sham?" There is a conflict in case between unjust and unlawful justice. A weak nation must be very careful how it breaks through the fine net-work of what is lawful, but a strong nation will do it and take the consequences. Suppose a part of Ireland to be in a state of armed insurrection, and an American vessel to be engaged in carrying from some port of Spain important Irish leaders, as well as ammunition and money, does anybody believe for a moment that the Government of Great Britain would hesitate to arrest the vessel when there was great risk that a half-extinguished rebellion would be lighted up again by the arrival of the new means of war and new sympathizers. I impute more solid sense to Great Britain.

NAVAL MOVEMENTS.

ACTIVE WORK CONTINUED IN THE CHARLESTOWN NAVY-YARD YESTERDAY—RECRUITING FOR THE NAVY.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

BOSTON, Nov. 23.—The Charlestown Navy-yard has worn a stirring and warlike aspect to-day, vividly recalling the scenes at the station of a dozen years ago. Every department is in full operation, although the authorities exercised no compulsion toward the workmen, permitting any one who was so inclined to spend Sunday in rest. But few, if any, availed themselves of this privilege, and the preparations for fitting the Franklin and the Brooklyn for active service went on as briskly throughout the first day of the week as they will on the second. The complete and official list of men employed in different departments of the yard is as follows: Construction, 1,078; civil engineers, 272; steam engineers, 361; equipment, 298; ordnance, 87; provision and clothing, 9; total, 2,015. Yesterday 100 men employed in the dry dock were discharged, while the same number was added to the steam engineers.

The Franklin was floated out of the dry dock yesterday noon, and it is thought that two weeks' time will be sufficient to complete the piping for its new boilers, the rigging and equipment with arms and stores. The Brooklyn is in about the same state of forwardness, and can leave for sea a week after the Franklin. The marine force has been somewhat augmented lately by recruits, and these are being sharply drilled, the regular routine being in no wise altered to-day. A large number of seamen, of all grades, have also been recruited during the past week, the majority of them being landsmen, and among these men there is a good deal of enthusiasm. Noticeably the general business depression makes the labors of the recruiting officer very fruitful, and there will be no lack of men to man the warships when they are ready to go into commission.

ADDITIONAL ASSIGNMENTS TO DUTY.

The following appointments, additional to those published on Saturday, have been promulgated: Capt. Truxton, from Ordnance Inspection here to the Brooklyn; Lieut. Commander George W. Arneentraut and Lieut. R. M. Cutts, from the Hydrographic Office to the Franklin; Chief Engineer A. J. Kuestead, from Philadelphia to the Franklin; Chief Engineer John Johnson, to the Brooklyn; First Assistant Engineer W. H. Harris, from here, to the Dispatch; First Engineer E. P. Phillips, from League Island, to the Brooklyn; Boatswain J. M. Capper, Gunner C. P. Cushman, Carpenter P. J. Ward, and Sailmaker G. T. Douglass, to the Brooklyn; Gunner R. T. Wilson and Carpenter H. M. Griffiths, to the Franklin.

DEPARTURE OF THE MONITOR MANHATTAN FOR KEY WEST—GREAT ACTIVITY AT THE PHILADELPHIA NAVY-YARD.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 23.—Matters at the navy-yard in this city are still active, and a great amount of work is being done. The force employed has been gradually increased until there are now over 1,200 men at work, and more are being taken on every day. Nearly all the mechanical departments are running up to their fullest capacity, and supplies of ordnance and other magazine stores are arriving from other stations almost every day. The force of men has been divided into two relays, and one gang is worked up to 10 o'clock every night. Operations were continued all day to-day, and the yard presented almost as busy a scene as on days during the week. The single turreted monitor Manhattan last night hauled down the river to Fort Mifflin, at which point she took aboard her magazine stores. The side-wheel man-of-war Powhatan this afternoon, having received her sailing orders, steamed down to the fort and took in tow the Manhattan, and started on the trip to Key West. The dispatch boat Pinta was receiving her stores all day to-day, and to-night departed to overtake the Powhatan and her convoy. The iron-clad Ajax, which has been on the dry dock during the last few days undergoing repairs to her bottom, was taken off yesterday, and in a week will be ready for sea. The double turreted monitor Terror, which was brought up last Monday from League Island, will take her place on the dry dock to-morrow. The naval officials assert that she can be fitted for service within ten days. Commander William F. Spicer received orders to-day from Washington ordering him to the command of the Terror. The flag-ship Canandaigua is still at the yard, waiting for a set of new boilers to be manufactured. As soon as she is ready to sail she will proceed down to the Gulf, to join the squadron of the North Atlantic. Both the extensive ship-yards at Wilmington, Del., and at Chester, on the Delaware River, are pressed with the work of repairing monitors from League Island. Another iron-clad will be brought up to the yard here from the island during the week, to be hurriedly put in a condition for service.

THE WORCESTER AT KEY WEST.

KEY WEST, Fla., Nov. 23.—The United States steamer Worcester, flag-ship of the North Atlantic Fleet, has arrived in this port.

THE BROOKLYN NAVY-YARD.

The Brooklyn Navy-yard wore a deserted look yesterday morning. Admission was only to be obtained by passes, and these were given only to persons having business in the yard. The ring of the hammers in the machine shops could be heard distinctly at the gate, and was mingled with the cheery cry of the sailors working on the rigging of the Colorado as one approached the water side. The fitting out of that splendid frigate is proceeding rapidly to completion beneath the hands of a multitude of workmen. Capt. Ransom, who is to command the Colorado, was superintending the work on that ship, and on the Minnesota and Florida. The motto of the Colorado, inscribed in gilded letters on the combing of the quarter-deck, is "Don't give up the ship." The Minnesota is in an advanced state of preparation, and will be ready for a large force of men to-day. The housing is not yet off the Florida, but work on her will be well under way by this evening. Admiral Rowan was about the yard all the morning, passing in and out of the different ships in course of preparation for sea. The casual observer would not imagine that the tall old gentleman, with snuff-colored pantaloons and shabby hat, who quietly strolled among the sailors and workmen, was a Rear Admiral of the United States Navy. Beside the trim blue uniforms and gold lace bravery of the middies, his garb was humble indeed. The officers and sailors of the Spanish frigate Arapiles were all in Sunday rig, and chattering away gayly. The Captain is a little fat old man, of courteous manners. He wore a gorgeous uniform. No workmen were employed on the Arapiles. In the afternoon the Dictator came up to the yard. Work will be commenced on her to-day.

By the law of Congress the whole naval force cannot exceed 8,500 men; hence it is feared that some delay may arise from the difficulty of getting crews for some of the vessels. It is not to be supposed, however, that there is any scarcity of seamen willing to ship; if the law permitted it the men could easily be secured in this port before the close of the month. Should an emergency arise, it is understood at the navy-yard that the President would have the power to order any necessary augmentation of the naval force; but as the time is so rapidly approaching when Congress is to meet, the opinion yesterday appeared to be that the question of increasing the navy will be left to that body. The Tennessee, which is now at Roach's yard, is to be taken to the navy-yard during the present week, and a largely increased force immediately set to work upon her. The store-ship Supply arrived on Saturday, and it is expected some of her officers will join Capt. Ransom on the Colorado. Though the force in the navy-yard has been largely increased during the past week, it is believed that, in order to carry out the instructions of the Government, a little larger force will be needed during the present week. The only reason why the number of men was not increased still more last week was because they could not be advantageously set to work, but would, instead, be in one another's way. Since it has become known that Capt. Ransom is to be the commanding officer of the Colorado, he has been deluged with applications for positions on board the vessel which are supposed to be in his gift. The Captain feels sorry that he cannot gratify every applicant, but, owing to his limited powers in that direction, he will have to disappoint a very large number.

THE CUBANS.

Everything remained tranquil yesterday in regard to the Cuban cause. No meetings of any of the Cuban societies took place. The leaders say that it is quite unnecessary for the patriots who are here in exile to do anything more, while the Government is so busily making preparations to avenge the massacre of their comrades. They believe it would not be at all proper to make any preparations for sending out an expedition to Cuba now. The insurgents, they say, will receive all the aid that can be legally given them.

Gen. Lopez Queralta yesterday informed a reporter of THE TIMES that it was not the intention to send Gen. Jordan off with an expedition, nor did he intend to go on such a mission to Cuba. Their future actions would be guided by the instructions from the Cuban Junta, the Los Amigos de Cuba, and the Executive Committees of these bodies were watching closely the actions of the Administration. They now believed that the Government is acting in good faith, and intends to resent the outrages and maintain the dignity of the United States. A good deal of conjecture has arisen as to the mode of seeking redress. The Cubans are not satisfied, and think that there is too much delay about receiving full information from Santiago de Cuba. Dr. Govin, who called upon Gen. Queralta, said that reliable information would reach the City to-day by the City of Mexico from Havana; that full details of the shooting, and the whole transaction in regard to the trial of the men, would be given by witnesses on the spot at the time. By a private letter which was received a few days ago, it was stated that the volunteers had inflicted additional cruelty on the captives, by parading them through the streets handcuffed. The city was paraded by 4,000 additional troops which had been sent from the interior. Gen. Queralta believes that the report of the burning of the bodies of the four first victims is true, and that in a day or so a full description of the whole affair will be given, as well as the cruelties inflicted on the patriots before being put to death.

THE VIRGINIUS QUESTION IN MADRID.

DENIAL OF THE REPORTED VIOLENCE BY THE POPULACE TO GEN. SICKLES—ARBITRATION.

MADRID, Nov. 22.—Evening.—The reports that violence had been offered by the Madrid populace to Gen. Sickles, the American Minister, are pronounced false.

President Castelar had a long conference to-day with Mr. Layard, the British Minister. The result of the interview is favorable to the continuance of good relations.

The idea of submitting the case of the Virginius to arbitration is much talked of. Should this course be agreed to, the German Emperor is indicated as the probable arbitrator.

THE DEMAND ON SPAIN.

THE LONDON TIMES ON THEIR JUSTICE.

LONDON, Nov. 24—5 A. M.—The *Times* to-day says a demand for the surrender of the Virginius could not with justice be maintained; but the other demands reported to have been made on Spain by the United States are such as England might well join in.

JAPAN.

MINISTERIAL TROUBLE GROWING OUT OF THE COREAN QUESTION.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 23.—The steamer Great Republic arrived to-day. She brings Japanese dates to Nov. 1. On the 24th of October the Ministers of the Mikado, with two exceptions, sent in their resignations, which were accepted, though some have since withdrawn them. The Ministerial troubles were caused by a proposition to send an expedition against Corea, which was warmly supported by Iwakura, the late embassador to the United States. San Jo Diajin, the Prime Minister, had been very ill, having been attacked with convulsive fits, caused by overwork. He is better, and has withdrawn his resignation, as also had Okuma, the Minister of Finance, and now Terrashima, late Minister to England, is placed at the head of the Foreign Office. Ito, lately one of the Ambassadors, is Minister of Public Works; and Yamaguchi and Kito, both of whom were connected with Iwakura as Ambassadors, are in the Ministry, though Kido is so paralyzed that it is very doubtful whether he will be able to do much work. Sayeschima, late Ambassador to China, is one of those who have resigned. The Mikado finally abandoned his Corean and Formosan projects.

LOSSES BY FIRE.

A fire at East Hampton, Mass., yesterday morning, destroyed Pomeroy's block, causing a loss of $20,000. The principal sufferers are T. J. Pomeroy, whose loss is $10,000, on which there was an insurance of $6,000; L. A. Baldwin, boot and shoe dealer, loss $5,000 and insurance $3,000; W. C. Maynard, tobacconist, loss $1,700 and insurance $750; and D. Eggleston, painter, loss $2,000.

A fire broke out yesterday morning at No. 194 Water street, Elmira, N. Y., in a wooden building occupied by Newcomb & Goodrich, boot and shoe dealers. A saloon to the west of it, and a merchant tailor's establishment to the east, both wooden buildings, were destroyed. Loss, $16,000; insurance, $10,000.

A large fire in Oakland, Cal., yesterday, completely destroyed the handsome bridge of the Central Pacific Railroad at that place. The bridge was over three miles long, and was one of the strongest and best in the State. It had been built but a short time. The accident, besides impeding the travel for some time, will cause a loss of nearly $1,000,000 to the company.

THE SPRAGUE DEED OF TRUST.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Nov. 23.—The Sprague deed of trust is still in the hands of the lawyers, but it is expected that it will be completed and ready for execution to-morrow or the next day. This long delay has not been caused by any considerations outside of the legal difficulties of defining its provisions. The Spragues are ready to execute it at once and in any form in which it shall be made acceptable to the trustees.

A PACIFIC MAIL STEAMER SUNK.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 23.—The 24th October Pacific Mail steamer Airel, from Yokohama, to Hakodadi, struck on a reef and slid off and sunk to the masthead. She is a total loss. The passengers and crew were all saved.

LABOR MEETING.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 23.—A large meeting of working men was held this afternoon at the Assembly Buildings to consider the question of employment. Resolutions were adopted urging the local and municipal governments to provide work, and advocating a mass meeting and procession. Resolutions were also adopted deprecating war with Spain, because wars fall heavily upon the working classes and benefit no one. Another meeting was held in the evening, at the Museum, at which addresses were delivered by George W. Drury, who advocated the giving of lands to the poor by the Government, instead of to the Indians. Mrs. Dr. French also spoke.

WRECK OF THE ROBERT LOWE.

CONFIRMATION OF THE SAD RUMOR—EIGHTEEN LIVES LOST.

TORONTO, Nov. 23.—The following particulars have been received regarding the Anglo-American cable steamer Robert Lowe from the surviving officers: After connecting Lamanche and Placentiatown by cable, the steamer left the latter port at 4 P. M., on the 19th, bound for St. Johns. At 4 A. M., on the 20th the weather thick and the wind high, the ship struck heavily near St. Shotts, and in a very few minutes filled and settled down so fast that it was impossible to get the life-boats afloat. Three other boats, containing twenty-three people, succeeded in getting clear of the wreck, and remained by it till daylight. Capt. Tidmarsh was on the bridge at the time of the disaster, perfectly cool, and took in the whole situation at a glance. He ordered the boats to be cleared away, and perished by sticking to his vessel to the last.

Five minutes after striking the ship's poop was under water. Mr. McKenden, of the Heart's Content staff, and Day, the second steward, were drowned in the cabin. The rest were swept off the decks by heavy seas, which, in a few hours, reduced the steamer to atoms. On Friday five bodies were picked up and buried. The following are the names of the lost:

J. Tedmarch, Commander; F. Powlain, Chief Engineer; Pargent, Third Engineer; Pugh, Fourth Engineer; Bublock, Engineers' Storekeeper; McIntyre, carpenter; Quartermasters, Young, Slackwards, Warren, and Anderson; able seamen, Waggstaff; Day, second, and Benarce, third Steward; Gales, chief cook; Doolin and Gallagher, firemen; McKenden, electrician, and G. P. Wilkins.

Saved—Chief Officer Denton, Second Officer Hawson, Second Engineer Stafford, Boatswain Collins, Storekeeper Richardson, Quarter-masters Robinson, Payne, Chauncey Williams, Burton, and Houston; Able Seamen Sullivan, Reid, Cunningham, Dickenson, Welch, and Higgins; Fireman Lowden, Chief Steward Jacklin; a boy; the butcher, and Miller, a passenger.

THE WEATHER.

SYNOPSIS AND PROBABILITIES.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24—1 A. M.—The storm centre has advanced from the lower to the middle Ohio valley, with cloudy and rainy weather in Kentucky and Tennessee; southerly winds, cloudy weather, and high temperature in the Southern States.

states; north-easterly winds, cloudy weather, and rain and snow over the Middle States and lower lakes; variable winds and cloudy weather prevail in New-England and the St. Lawrence Valley; north-easterly winds and cloudy weather over the upper lakes and North-west.

PROBABILITIES.

For the Middle States, north-easterly and south-easterly winds, cloudy weather and rain.

For the lower lakes and New-England, north-easterly and south-easterly winds, cloudy weather, rain, and snow.

For the Southern States, south-westerly winds, falling temperature, and cloudy weather.

For the upper lakes, and thence to Tennessee, northerly winds, occasional snow, and rain and cloudy weather, clearing during the day.

For the North-west cloudy weather and southerly winds.

IN THE CITY.

The following record shows the changes in the temperature during the last twenty-four hours, as recorded at Hudnut's drug store, No. 218 Broadway: 3 A. M., 32°; 6 A. M., 31°; 9 A. M., 34°; 12 M., 39°; 3 P. M., 40°; 6 P. M., 38°; 9 P. M., 39°; 12 P. M., 38°. Average, 36⅓°.

ANOTHER FRIGHTFUL MURDER.

A LAGER-BEER SALOON KEEPER HACKED TO PIECES IN HIS SALOON.

Michael Harold, an Alsatian by birth, was last night stabbed and almost instantly killed, in his lager-beer saloon, No. 496 Broome street, by a Franco-Swiss, named Pierre Stefano. Harold, who was about forty years old, was a man of good appearance and steady habits. With his wife, he kept the little saloon in which he was murdered, and which was a favorite resort for Frenchmen and Switzers. Residing in the same house with Harold was another Franco-Swiss, named Pierre Gobert, a mechanic, who was very intimate with Harold, and who was regarded by Harold and his wife as a very dear friend. Gobert usually passed his evenings in the saloon, chatting and playing dominoes with Mme. Harold. Stefano is a laborer in the employ of Messrs. Delmonico, and does job-work in their various restaurants. He is twenty years of age, and resides at No. 223 South Fifth avenue. Stefano is a habitual drunkard and disreputable character, continually forcing quarrels on quiet persons. About two weeks ago he entered the saloon and deliberately, and without any provocation, assaulted Gobert. Harold ordered Stefano to leave the saloon and never to come back again. Stefano left, saying that the matter had not ended there. Last night, about 10:30 o'clock, Stefano entered the saloon, accompanied by an Italian Swiss named Sargenti Paolo, a painter, residing at No. 223 South Fifth avenue. Gobert was standing by the bar. Stefano advanced and renewed the quarrel with him. Gobert resented the insult, when he was attacked by both Stefano and Paolo. Harold jumped out from behind the bar and ran between the combatants to separate them. Scarcely a minute elapsed when he called out to his wife, "Oh, I am killed! I am stabbed!" and fell on the floor. Stefano and Paolo ran out of the saloon, but were pursued and apprehended by Officer Watson, of the Eighth Precinct. In Stefano's pocket was found a large clasp-knife, the blade of which was covered with blood. Stefano's clothes and hands were bloody, and Paolo's face and hands were also smeared with blood. Harold lived only five minutes after he was stabbed. There were three terrible stab wounds in his back, one in his left side, and one in his neck. Any one of the wounds would have proved fatal. The body of Harold was taken to the Prince street Station-house, where Stefano and Paolo were confined as principals, and Gobert locked up as a witness. Mme. Harold was crazed by grief, and Capt. Williams gave her permission to remain by her husband's body. Friends of Harold, in Jersey City, were promptly telegraphed for. The matter will be placed in charge of Coroner Herrman, who will begin an inquest to-day.

EARTHQUAKE IN CALIFORNIA AND OREGON.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 23.—At 9 o'clock last evening, a severe shock of earthquake was felt at Yreka, Cal., and lasted fifteen seconds. A shock was also felt at Grove Creek, Oregon, 100 miles north of Yreka, and was the severest ever experienced in that part of the country.

A STEAMER DAMAGED.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Nov. 23.—The steamer Alaska, bound from Cincinnati to New-Orleans, heavily laden with a general cargo, with a barge in tow, struck an obstruction on Friday evening, ten miles below Point Pleasant, and sunk. No lives were lost. The boat lies straight, with eight feet of water over the main deck. The boat can be raised, if assistance arrives before the rise in the river reaches her.

OFFICIAL VOTE OF WISCONSIN.

MILWAUKEE, Nov. 23.—The official majority for Taylor, for Governor, over Washburn, is 15,411. Taylor runs nearly 1,000 ahead of the balance of the ticket. The Senate will stand 17 Republicans and 16 Reformers, and the Assembly 59 Reformers and 41 Republicans.

LATEST NEWS BY CABLE.

GREAT BRITAIN.

SPEECH BY MR. DISRAELI—HE PREDICTS A CONFLICT BETWEEN THE SPIRITUAL AND TEMPORAL POWERS.

LONDON, Nov. 23.—Mr. Disraeli made a political speech at Glasgow last evening. He severely criticised the Government, and predicted a great struggle in Europe between the spiritual and temporal powers. He feared this conflict might result in anarchy, and declared the partisans of home rule in Ireland would unmask and show Great Britain their real designs.

HOME-RULE DEMONSTRATION IN DUBLIN.

DUBLIN, Nov. 23.—An immense demonstration in favor of home rule took place in this city to-day. It is estimated that 60,000 persons took part in the procession and mass meeting which followed. Speeches were made by Messrs. Butts, Martin, and others. No disturbance occurred.

SPAIN.

THE SIEGE OF CARTAGENA.

LONDON, Nov. 24—5 A. M.—A special to the *Times* reports that the plot for the surrender of Cartagena proved a complete failure. Contreras has since been arrested by the intransigentes on suspicion of connivance with the conspirators.

CUBA.

ASSASSINATION OF COUNT SAN FERNANDO IN HAVANA.

HAVANA, Nov. 23.—Count San Fernando was assassinated at the doors of his mansion this morning by a young man. The tragedy was the result of domestic troubles.

FOREIGN NOTES.

English papers say that a Bucharest has again been offered by Mr. Gladstone to Mr. Walter, chief proprietor of the *Times*, and again refused.

The League of St. Sebastian is a society formed in Dublin to promote the restoration of the temporal power of the Pope. It now numbers 300 members in Ireland.

During the past month 13,732 persons emigrated from Liverpool, 12,262 of whom came to the United States. In the corresponding month of 1872 13,139 persons emigrated.

Newspaper correspondents describe the Fenians as a most deplorable race of Arabians, and doubt their value as allies of the British. They beg for food, and then ask to be paid for carrying it home.

The English Foreign Office announces that the Government of Guatemala have given notice, taking effect on Oct. 25, 1874, of the termination of the treaty of friendship, commerce, and navigation, concluded with Great Britain in 1849.

The law court at Cassel has sentenced a Lutheran clergyman to two months' imprisonment in a fortress for asserting from the pulpit that, by the new ecclesiastical laws, Government has banished religion from the schools.

A South American club is to be formed in London for the special advantage of persons having an interest in the various States of South America. It is expected to be the means of giving an impetus to trade between the South American ports and England.

The Vicar of St. James' Church, Hayling Hill, lately preached a sermon on "Death." The effect was so great that several ladies overcome with horror were carried out of the church, and the excitement grew so intense at last that the service had to be stopped before the sermon was finished.

News has arrived at Aden from Zanzibar that Sub Lieutenant Marcus M'Causland, of her Majesty's ship Daphne, has been killed by natives while cruising after slavers near Brava. In consequence of this deed, boats' crews from the Daphne and Briton destroyed the village inhabited by the murderers, and killed several of the natives.

Among the members of Parliament who have been busy addressing their constituents, at least one has been bold enough to advocate the dismemberment of the British Empire. This was Mr. Baxter, member for Montrose, and formerly Secretary to the Admiralty. In a speech delivered at Arbroath he recommended that England should get rid of some of her colonies.

In the convent garden at Santa Sabina, on the Aventine, is the father of all the European orange trees, planted by the hand of Saint Dominic from seeds brought by his disciples from China. This patriarchal tree, notwithstanding its six centuries, put forth tiny shoots from its old trunk as lately as 1869 and 1870. It is hoped that this venerable tree may not suffer from the ignorance of innovators.

While the Bishop Suffragan was preaching the opening sermon at Trinity Church, Nottingham, on the Sunday after the recent restoration of that edifice, intimation was quietly conveyed to him by the vicar that the roof was in danger. Without the least emotion the preacher brought the service to a close and quietly dismissed the congregation, who departed in perfect ignorance of the fact that they had been spared the peril of a panic.

The Spanish steam-ship Murillo, which ran down the Northfleet, and was seized by the British Government, has been condemned and sold

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

FIRST PRINCIPLES OF MORAL SCIENCE.—A course of lectures delivered in the University of Cambridge. By THOMAS RAWSON BIRKS, Knightsbridge Professor of Moral Philosophy. London: MACMILLAN & Co. 1873.

About two hundred years ago, one Dr. Knightsbridge left to the University of Cambridge an endowment for a course of lectures to be delivered annually on "Moral Theology, or Casuistical [illegible] Some of the highest order have been [illegible] thus established [illegible] immediately preceded by Prof. Maurice and Dr. Whewell. The latter, taking exception to the title as out of date, preferred to consider himself the Professor of "Moral Philosophy, Casuistry and Moral Theology," and the change received the assent of the university. The second division of this title is still subject to great differences of opinion. Mr. Maurice applied to the subjective side of moral science which he [illegible] the duties of the individual conscience, and Mr. Birks now transfers it, and, we think with some reasonable controversial object. But the present work does not enter upon the duties of the subject. On the contrary, it comprises nothing beyond what may be regarded as a few steps upon the threshold of moral philosophy. In the first lecture the author defines his views respecting the true position of moral science, and in the subsequent twelve chapters he treats of the certainty and dignity of that science, its spiritual geography, and its formative principles. His intention thus has been to supply a supplement to Dr. Whewell's work; holding that while philosophy deals with the conclusions of human reason, aided and enlightened by Revelation, theology, which should be the crown of the whole, deals with the character and works of God, as made known to us more clearly and fully by Revelation. This moral philosophy occupies the meeting-place and border province of these two kingdoms of thought, combining the religious aspect of moral philosophy and the ethical aspect of revealed religion. Acting upon this thesis, he arranges the general subject under three main divisions: 1st, direct ethics, or moral science in its relation to other sciences, its fundamental principles, and the wide range of personal and social obligations, including some first lessons of religious faith and duty; secondly, controversial ethics, answering nearly to casuistry, or the inquiry into the debateable ground of [illegible] the formation or rival and conflicting systems; and thirdly, moral theology. While taking [illegible] division of human [illegible] of a book, Mr. Birks regards it as doubtful, and suggests, in so far as it would lead us to suppose that ethics are a mere subdivision of one subdivided branch of the doctrine of humanity, whose [illegible] he regards this as a wide field of thought, contemporaneous with the whole range of active human knowledge. Either there is in the science no revealed humanity, [illegible] of it the author truthfully remarks that we are like the peasant "it is one to be neglected if it do not deal with what is, but with what ought to be." It must deal with the actual conditions and circumstances of life. In a busy, practical generation, the duty of the moment is to do away with the popular notion that moral science, forsaking realities, speculates principally on a distant and imaginary world, since it is just in proportion as an age is really practical that the maxim has the highest claim upon their notice and their reverence.

The study [illegible] with an abstract science, as it is presented by empirical men upon this principle, is to popularize it. For to begin a treatise on ethics by the axiomatic assertion that morality is not a strictly practical science, is to present it in a form with which the average mind has little [illegible] unaccustomed. Yet it is undoubtedly true that while moral science presents a man's ideal of rectitude in all human relations, it ought essentially to be deserving of attention in times when too often the sense of right has become secondary to an eminently practical acumen and in the light it commends itself to practical men. Another point upon which we are glad to see that Mr. Birks has laid much stress, is the progressive character of morality. The few maxims laid down in the first lecture are not the science itself, but only the foundation upon which the science stands. "Why," asks our author, "should moral axioms be less fertile than the laws of physics in the results to which they lead?" The capability for [illegible] development is the same, and clearly the man who is content to take for his rule of action first principles only, not only leaves all the refinement of enhanced knowledge and excellence, but too often finds himself involved in [illegible] which bewilder him, and which he cannot unravel. It may be admitted that here again popular notions are somewhat crooked, at any rate those which prevail among people who hold that the golden rule must suffice for all purposes to the end of time, without a thought of the grand outgrowth of which it is truth is but the germ.

The outline thus given will serve to indicate the general principles upon which Mr. Birks has developed a system of philosophy which strikes us as being remarkable for applicability to existing phases of society. And we might be content to leave him here, but there is one chapter which demands special notice—that wherein attention is directed to the connection between ethical and political science. To the development of politics, in the highest sense of that term, there must be a recognition of the authority of great ethical truths, side by side with the cultivation of expediency and practical statesmanship. Here the danger to be avoided is that of too much subservience to the one at the cost of the other; and it is not inconsiderable, for while the laws inculcated by moral science are binding at all times and places, and on all communities and nations, the laws recommended by political science have to be adapted to the wants of successive generations and of different peoples; and thus the position of the middle line between the two is constantly being subjected to change. The key to a correct understanding of this is a knowledge of the contrast between pure and applied morality—between the truths which appeal directly to the consciences and the application of those truths to the varying conditions of social life. The former are fixed and absolute, the latter is largely variable; while again there is a distinction to be observed in the two different aspects of law, the human and the divine. Legislation, while founded on morality, must be accommodated to the actual moral attainments of society. It must be guided, not by a spirit of moral despotism, but by a spirit of toleration. Acts of Congress cannot make a man moral; but they may indicate the way to morality, and they never cease to keep him there when he has entered upon it. This view, it may be thought by some, is too liberal, but it is without doubt the only ground upon which can be adopted. Mr. Birks embraces the principle at some length, and then goes on to assert that the first essential basis of wise legislation is humanity or liberty, and the second unity." He pronounces the doctrine of equality to be "either a strange misnomer or a providential truth." "Strict and absolute equality," he very justly reminds us, "would unmake the universe, and would resolve all its wonderful beauty and endless variety into a chaos of warring atoms and a sea of nebulous mist." But he accepts the doctrine of fraternity, and asserts it as the limitation and guard of the maxim of inequality. "He [illegible] the gentleman, the pauper is [illegible] brother [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

THE GOLDEN IDOL;
OR,
The Enchanted Tree.

CHAPTER I.
A GIRL'S DESPAIR.

Upon a lonely shore of Tongataboo Harbor, in the Island of Tonga-taboo, two persons sat hidden in a dim recess of palms.

They were father and daughter.

The former was a plain, simple clergyman of middle age.

The latter was a charming girl of seventeen years, scarcely more remarkable for her loveliness than for her sterling good sense and a worldly wisdom far in advance of her years.

As as the wife and mother of this couple, she had long been sleeping her last sleep in one of the lonely nooks of this far Pacific Island.

Ten years had passed since Mr. Fortescue had come to the shores of this lovely harbor, with the intention of passing six days in the labor of converting to Christianity their pagan idolators; but the good missionary had, in some unintentional way, fallen under the displeasure of the ruler of the island, and was now being hunted for his life.

"I am so tired, father," panted the girl, as she clasped her hand tightly to her heart.

"We ought not to have run so fast," responded Mr. Fortescue. "But I am sure the savages were past us."

"Hush! here they are!" breathed the girl.

A rush of footsteps was heard, and a moment later several savages came flying past, rending the air with their cries.

"They think we have gone in that direction," whispered the missionary. "Oh, if they only knew how near we are still to the settlement!"

"Will they not soon be back this way, father?" asked Miss Fortescue.

"I dare say they will, Ellie. Ah! here comes another band of them."

A dozen armed warriors traversed the sandy beach immediately in front of the hiding-place of the couple.

"How terrible they are! how lost to all pity!"

"Alas! for the poor results of all my toils!" sighed Mr. Fortescue. "To see these savage pursuers, and hear their yells, one would little imagine the sacrifices we have made on their account. All the benefits they have received from us are forgotten. They are determined to kill us if they can find us."

At this point Ellie started violently, half arising to her feet.

"Oh, look, father!" she cried.

This was all she could say, but she pointed far away in the direction from which the fugitive had come.

"I see," murmured Mr. Fortescue. "They have fired our dwelling."

A lurid flame arose in the air in the distance.

"It is hard to see our home perishing," sighed the daughter. "What demons they are."

She started again, even more violently than before —this time at the barking of a dog within ten feet of her.

"The cur will certainly betray us!" cried the missionary, springing to his feet.

"He has betrayed us already," returned Ellie. "See! they are coming."

In the last moment at his residence, Mr. Fortescue had seized an old sword he chanced to have upon his premises, and he thanked heaven for the service this weapon now rendered him, he being able to cleave the dog in twain with a single desperate blow.

"I think we had better throw ourselves into the water, father?" asked Ellie.

"Perhaps we had better throw ourselves into a hotter place, if you throw yourself on the winds or waves."

"I would have done so, darling, but for the roughness of the sea."

"It's all up with our halt here," said the missionary, turning back. "We must fly. The dog was silent, and the savages are hastening in this direction."

Breaking from their covert, hand in hand, the father and daughter ran along the beach and gained a temporary shelter behind a small ledge of rocks which jutted out into the sea in the form of a small promontory.

"If we only had a boat now!" signed the father, "possibly we could get off in it."

Even Ellie could reply, a solitary savage came bounding from the bushes, brandishing his war-club.

"Alas! alas!" moaned Mr. Fortescue.

He had realized only too well the imminence of the peril—the utter futility of all his efforts at escape—but he met the foremost savage with the strength of a desperate man, wheeling him in twain nearly as cleverly as he had dispatched the dog which had discovered the whereabouts of the couple; but then came the sharp, loud report of a musket—and the good missionary lay weltering in his blood, with a bullet through his vitals.

"I am hit!" he cried. "I cannot go on."

"Not even to the boat, father?"

"Alas! is too late!" uttered the dying missionary, in a trembling recital around him.

"To Thee, O God, I commend her!"

These were the last words of the devoted missionary. As he uttered them, he tumbled into the boat so had succeeded with his last desperate efforts in reaching, and in that same instant his senses left him forever.

"Go! demons!" cried Ellie, still wielding her sword with the strength of despair.

By the last desperate effort of her exhausted power the brave girl succeeded in pushing off the boat and in breaking clear of the pursuers with it.

A FIENDISH REVENGE.

At the same hour when the preceding events were occurring, a large top-sail schooner was standing on and off the eastern passage of Tonga-taboo Harbor, watching for the pilot to come and come to anchor.

Upon the stern of this schooner, leaning against the bulwarks, stood a fresh-looking and rosy-faced youth of eighteen or nineteen years, who was looking eagerly through the night in the direction of the distant land. And near this youth stood the captain of the schooner, whose gaze had long been fixed in the same direction.

"Did I understand you to say, Denny Breeze, that I was to find old acquaintances upon this island?" asked the commander, breaking a long and attentive silence.

"Yes, Capt. Morrison," replied Denny Breeze, drawing nearer to his commander, so as to speak with more of the freedom of confidence. "I refer to Rev. Mr. Fortescue and his daughter."

"Were you old acquaintances then?"

"Yes, Sir. They used to live in the village where I was born, and their house was always to me like a second home—the only home I have had, in fact, since the death of my mother."

"And the strange disappearance of your father, you should have added," said Capt. Morrison, gravely, as he patted the youth affectionately upon the shoulder. "I do not believe in creation whatever because of your father, boy, and yet, in another sense, there was nothing strange about it; it was simply another case of 'Lost at sea.' How many a life has ended to all earthly ken with that brief announcement. But what is it that is going on ashore to the west'ard of us?" he added, as a vast blaze illuminated the horizon in that quarter. "Looks like a house afire."

"Yes, Sir; it does," assented Denny.

"And is it a house afire," affirmed Capt. Morrison, after a long look through his glass. "And it's curious that none of the savages who are running about make the least effort to put it out. And now that I look again, it seems to me that the burning house is exactly in the direction of the one Mr. Fortescue occupied."

Denny grew turned pale at this suggestion.

"Oh, I hope not, Sir!" he exclaimed.

"It would be horrible if Ellie Fortescue should be in such trouble," after a long look shoreward. "There seems to be a great deal of jumping and dancing in the neighborhood of that fire, and not a soul doing anything as I can see toward putting it out."

"Guess I'll go below now and get a bit of sleep, Mr. Buncle," said Capt. Morrison to his second mate. "Call me if anything happens."

And with this the commander withdrew.

He had scarcely gone when Mr. Buncle, the second mate, approached one of the seamen under his charge, and said:

"Now is our chance, Bill. If you'll call Tom and the rest for'ard, we'll soon arrive at some conclusion. My opinion is that we had better give the old sub the slip to-night."

"But the Cap'n thinks as how the savages may be at this blessed minute a killing of the missionaries on the island," remonstrated Bill, energetically.

"I think we had better see Tom, and the rest, and make out escape immediately in the long boat while the old man is snoozing."

"Good! Let's move at once."

Hair hidden by sundry hamper at the foot of the main shrouds, Denny Breeze had listened to every word of this conversation.

"A general desertion, eh?" said Denny to himself, as he saw the perfidious second mate becoming the centre of a little knot of eager men forward. "This thing won't work, my fine fellows."

He lost no time in entering the cabin and proceeding directly to the commander's state-room. The old sea-dog was just in the act of "turning in."

"Why, what ails you, Denny?" he cried. "You are pale."

"Perhaps I have reason to be. Mr. Buncle and a good share of the men are hatching up a plot to leave the schooner in the long-boat and make the island!"

"What!—to-night?"

"Yes, Sir—to-night. 'Now is our time,' they say, 'while the old man is sleeping.'"

The commander slipped noiselessly from the cabin, and soon his voice was heard upon the forecastle. The brush was, he had waited unseen and silent until the conspirators were about to report the measure of getting out the long-boat, and then he had fallen upon them with all the stern authority of his position and the still sterner authority of his character.

A few moments only the din lasted, and then the [illegible] he marched, at the rebels' [illegible] hands gleefully together. "I waited till they were getting out the boat, and then I went for them. You can imagine how Buncle is cut up. Mr. Skill is now in charge of things. Here, steward!"

The steward immediately responded to the call.

"Make me my usual favorite punch," added the commander, "and let us have it while it is hot."

The steward bowed understandingly, and set about obeying the order.

After remaining alone in the cabin an hour or two, musing intently upon all he had seen in the direction of the island, Denny Breeze again took his way to the deck, which seemed to him singularly dark and deserted.

The wind had freshened notably. A chopping sea had arisen, and the vessel was laboring more than she had done for several days preceding. The heavens were nearly obscured by a mist of impending rain.

"Is it you, Pete?" asked a voice, as Denny emerged from the cabin.

Pete was the colored steward.

"No, it's me—the passenger, Mr. Breeze," answered Denny.

"Oh, it's you, eh!" said the voice, which our hero now recognized as that of Mr. Buncle. "All right, Sir, I thought it was Pete."

Advancing upon the deck, Denny Breeze continued to look around him, waiting for the schooner to tack forward again.

"A rough night, Mr. Breeze," said the mate.

"Yes, Sir; quite rough," he responded.

"Do you know where the cap'n is?" was the next question of Buncle.

"Abed and asleep, Sir."

"Do you know how sleepy he is? But of course you don't, and so I will tell you. He is as sleepy as a good dose of medicine can make him."

"Do you mean to say he has been drugged?" asked Denny.

"That's just what I mean to say. A good dose of medicine was put in the punch Pete made just before the old man turned in."

It was easy enough for Denny to see, by this time, that something wrong was taking place—that at the very least the villainy he had interrupted was gathering head again.

"I know not why you tell me this," said Denny, "but I know that I'll soon see for myself if you are telling me the truth."

He turned toward the cabin.

"Softly! One moment!" said Buncle, advancing nearer. "I want to speak a word further with you, my young gentleman."

"Say on, then!"

"What I have to say is this," said Buncle. "Did you not tell Capt. Morrison of your intended flight. What of it?"

"You shall soon see, my young Bantam," said Buncle, with suppressed passion. "The long-boat is in the water, duly provisioned and stored, and we are ready to push off in her."

"But Mr. Skill?" cried Denny, looking around excitedly. "Where is Mr. Skill?"

He referred to the executive, in whose charge Capt. Morrison had left the vessel.

"Mr. Skill is bound hand and foot and gagged in the forecastle, as are several of the men who took part with him," declared Buncle, with brutal insolence.

Denny Breeze, at these words, bounded toward the cabin, shouting:

"More villainy, Captain Morrison! Help! Help!"

He had scarcely finished this cry, when he found himself intercepted by several pairs of hands and numerous fingers clutching his throat.

"Up with him, boys!" was the short but fateful command of Buncle.

It was in vain that Denny, realising the horrible intention of his enemies, essayed to defend himself—all in vain! He was lifted clear of the deck in an instant, and hurled over the bulwarks into the raging waters.

AS LUCK WOULD HAVE IT.

For an instant, Denny Breeze believed that his last hour had come.

To swim, encumbered with all his clothes, in such a sea as was running, was impossible.

How, then, did Denny escape?

By the veriest accident in the world.

At the moment he was lifted from the deck, preliminary to his being hurled over the bulwarks, his feet caught in a portion of the hamper to which reference has been made. One of his legs, in fact, became entangled in the coils of a sheet, in such a way as to hold him fast.

Upon reaching the water, therefore, he was by no means clear of the schooner, as his enemies supposed. To the contrary, he remained attached to the vessel by a rope more than an inch in diameter, and perceived that he was being towed gently through the water alongside, keeping pace with the schooner.

The long-boat was already in the water. The schooner had been left under such easy sail, with a view to this desertion, that her progress through the water was scarcely perceptible.

"Isn't there any spoil aboard?" asked Bill Marling, who had been chosen to stand next to Buncle in charge of the expedition.

"I know there is specie aboard," said Buncle, reflectively. "But where the specie is stored is beyond my knowledge."

"Pete ought to know all about that point," suggested Marling, "since he is always in the cabin."

"Yes, and I does, boss," said Pete, with a grin of pleased importance.

"Fetch it up then, immediately," commanded Buncle.

"Aye, aye, Sir."

In five minutes more the little band of deserters had stripped the schooner of its specie, plate, linen, and other valuables, with a number of nautical instruments, lanterns, &c., and had pushed clear of the vessel, standing toward the island.

Fortunately this departure took place upon the side of the schooner opposite to that from which our hero had been thrown overboard, and alongside of which he was being towed gently through the water.

"They've gone!" he heard a voice exclaim, a few moments later.

"Help, there!" he called.

"Where are you?" was the response of the voice which had before spoken.

"Here—alongside—on the starboard side!" exclaimed our hero.

"Who are you?"

"Mr. Breeze—the passenger."

Sundry ejaculations of wonder succeeded, blended with the hurried trampling of feet, and then the sheet which had rendered Denny such timely service was slowly drawn in until he found himself able to grasp the bulwarks.

"That'll do," he called. "I'm all right now. Where is Mr. Skill?"

"Coming to himself, Sir, but not yet able to move," answered Elton. He was black in the face when we released him."

"How many of you are left?"

"Only four of us, excepting you and the cap'n."

"You had better take the light from your rigging," suggested Denny. "There is little danger of our falling foul of another ship in these waters, and it will be well to put it out of the power of Buncle and his gang to board us."

This suggestion was adopted.

"Let us hope that no change will throw us into their power," said Denny, as carelessly as if no peril had ever assailed him. "For my part, I don't care to be towed alongside by one leg again!"

"We'll stand in toward the harbor," said Capt. Morrison, who was now quite himself again, with the exception of a severe headache. "Doubtless our runaways have made the island in safety. They would not mind taking the risk of a landing in the darkness in such a boat as they had."

"I see nothing of any ship in port," remarked Capt. Morrison to our hero, as they paced the deck together.

"No, Sir. There certainly is none—at least within the range of our vision."

"We shall have to be very careful about our movements, then," said the commander.

The schooner had advanced several miles into the Passage, when Capt. Morrison became convinced that the dwelling which had been destroyed the previous evening, as related, was no other than that of the missionary.

"It may have been burned by accident, Sir," suggested Denny, with keen glances through a glass at the distant ruins.

"It may, indeed," assented the commander, "but I fear to the contrary. I don't like the look of things. The lawless rascals are not acting as usual. There is something wrong with them. I shall not venture a landing—unless a ship-of-war, or at least a stout trader, should arrive here within twenty-four hours. In fact, I'll go about immediately, and give them a wide berth until further light is thrown upon them."

He had just given the order to go about, when a cry of startled surprise arose from nearly every soul on the vessel.

"Look!" cried Denny, pointing toward one of the outlying islands which define the northern limits of the Passage. "Yonder is the long-boat!"

This was indeed the case.

"She is pushing out to intercept us!" cried Capt. Morrison.

"And all the rascals are in her!" declared Mr. Skill. "This is awkward."

"The villains!" exclaimed Capt. Morrison, sternly. "They have not found the natives quite so pliant to deal with as they imagined, and now they wish to come back to the schooner."

"You will not let them come aboard, Sir!" demanded Mr. Skill.

"No, Sir. After what they have done they would not hesitate a moment to kill us all and take possession of the schooner. That's probably the very course they intend to take. It only remains for us to fight them," muttered Capt. Morrison. "We may as well be getting our tools together."

The preparations for defense were scarcely completed when the long-boat was within hailing distance, continuing to advance rapidly.

"Sheer off there, you villains!" called Capt. Morrison, as he raised a musket meaningly. "You can't come back to the schooner."

"We *must* come back!" shouted Buncle, in return. "There's no living with the natives. They've risen upon the missionaries and strangers, killing every one of them. We have had a terrible battle with them—"

"Sheer off there, I say," interrupted Capt. Morrison, raising his musket. "You can't come aboard of the schooner."

"We can and we will!" cried Buncle, with a dogged resolution that sufficiently evidenced the desperation of his circumstances. "If you are wise, Cap'n Morrison, you'll let us come aboard and excuse what has happened. We are sorry for our conduct of last evening; it all came of our having had too much liquor. We wish to return to duty."

"I can put no trust in you," interrupted Capt. Morrison. "Once for all, you shall not come near us."

"Destruction!" exclaimed Buncle, as he caught sight of Denny. "The youngster isn't dead, after all."

Then he called to Capt. Morrison.

"It is useless for you to keep us off, Capt. Morrison. We are perfectly willing to yield, even if we have to fight you."

And with this the long-boat resumed its swift advance upon the schooner.

"And let me say just one word more," added Buncle, "We are two to your one, and for every shot that is fired upon us we shall take a horrible revenge."

A VERY WEB OF PERIL.

It was in vain that her savage enemies called to Ellie Fortescue, in the frightful circumstances in which we left her:

"The water is full of sharks!"

She little heeded, in that awful hour, this additional peril.

"Oh, father! speak to me!" she cried, sustaining the pallid face of the dead missionary above the water.

The dumbness succeeding this appeal was terribly significant, as was also the very inertness of the lifeless form.

"He is dead!" she gasped.

Hovering over the edge of the boat, and heedless alike of the cries of the savages or of the missiles they were still discharging at her, the poor girl placed her hand upon the heart of the missionary.

It had indeed ceased to beat.

"And I may as well die, too!" was the cry of anguish that welled to Ellie's lips, as she capsized the nearly filled boat, and let her father's body sink in the sea, to keep it from falling into the hands of the cannibals. "Or what further use is my life, even if I could make my escape from these murderous enemies? It matters little what becomes of me now," said Ellie to herself, as she swam shoreward. "They can do what they will."

The next instant she was seized by the hair of her head by the foremost of her pursuers, and dragged rudely out of the water and thrust into the bottom of a boat.

"The missionary!" cried this savage, looking eagerly around upon the surface of the water.

The girl pointed downward, with a manner sufficiently indicative of her belief that the body of her father was going down thousands of feet, to the midst of coral caves, beyond all decay, beyond all life, there to await the resurrection.

The savage uttered a howl of anger and regret, which attested that the timely fears of Ellie for the remains of her father had not been unfounded.

"Never mind—you will do as well," grunted the savage, significantly.

These were the last words the unfortunate wretch ever uttered, a blow at that instant from the club of a native, who had arrived in a second boat, having knocked him overboard and left him senseless, to meet a certain death by drowning.

"You are *my* prize, lovely flower of a hated race!" muttered the new-comer, as he transferred the girl to his own boat, leaving that of his murdered rival to drift away upon the water. "You know me, do you not? I am Tongaroro!"

Ellie recognized her captor now, and she was not displeased with the institution of Tongaroro for the ruffian who had first seized her. For this Tongaroro was one of the leading chiefs of the islands, as is implied by his name, and one of the most intelligent, having been diligent for many years to learn all he could of Mr. Fortescue. He even spoke English quite fluently.

"I warned that dog against getting in my way," he muttered, "and let them all beware how they molest me!"

"Oh, you will not let them eat me?" cried Ellie, shuddering, her tender and delicate nature shrinking more from that profanation than from death itself.

"No, they shall not eat you," said the savage, stoutly; at least, not without my permission."

"Oh, say that they shall not eat me, in any case," pleaded Ellie.

"I do not care to say that," said the chief, slowly, shaking his head. "Somebody must be eaten in the great festival of to-morrow. Perhaps some white man will come this way—"

"But surely you can save me if you will."

"There is one way in which I can save you," said Tongaroro, as he continued to row quietly shorewards, "and that is for you to become my wife."

"Your wife!" and the girl shuddered.

"But that, I see, is one of the question," said the chief, grimly. "And so you will probably be eaten to-morrow."

As she reached the beach, she found herself confronted by the king of the natives, the father of Tongaroro.

"Take her away—and let her be well fed!" commanded the chief, addressing his son. "She must not be found amiss for the feast of to-morrow."

Tongaroro made a gesture to the girl, leading the way toward his house, and she lost no time in following him.

This house was an average specimen of the simple constructions of the island, being little more than a thatched roof, supported upon posts. It was in a retired spot, with great trees around it, and had about it an air of uncommon neatness—a fact owing to the refined manners the sister of the young chief had acquired from the missionaries, and especially from Ellie's mother.

"Here you are to stay to-night," said Tongaroro, as he ushered her into a small, close apartment at one end of the house. "If you make me any trouble, it will be the worse for you. I shall chain you fast—"

"Oh, I will not run away, I assure you! Do not chain me! It does not matter what becomes of me now—except that I cannot bear the thought of being eaten. Do not chain me!"

"I must," said Tongaroro, grimly. "I shall be away a great deal to-night, and I am afraid that Loo-too may come and carry you off. A good chain will prevent all that, and chained you must be!"

He secured around one of the girl's ankles a stout chain, which had evidently once belonged to some vessel, and then the other end of the chain was fastened as securely to one of the stout posts supporting the roof of the dwelling.

"I will bring food and drink," he said, turning away, "and do not be foolish."

The food and drink supplied her, he took his departure, leaving her alone in the darkness.

She had not been in this place a great while, however, when the door of her prison was opened, and the grim figure of another native chief was presented, indistinctly to her view, by the light.

"Are you Tongaroro?" she asked, in a flutter of apprehension.

"No; I am Lootoo. Hush! I have come to release you, and carry you off to the woods and the mountains!"

"Alas! you cannot release me—even if I wished you to," sighed Ellie. "I am chained!"

"Chained!" repeated the new-comer echoed the word in a tone of the gravest annoyance.

"Are you telling me the truth?" he demanded.

"You can feel, or look, for yourself."

Lootoo at first felt of the chain, and then produced a light by friction, and examined it. As he did so his brow darkened fearfully. He scowled like a fiend.

"I cannot release you, if I were to work all night," he muttered. "And all will be decided against me to-morrow. But there is one thing I can do: I hate Tongaroro, and here is a chance for me to cause him a great annoyance!"

"How!" faltered Ellie.

"I will kill you!" replied Lootoo. "Since I cannot set you free, I must kill you where you are!"

He drew forth a large knife for his purpose. The above we publish as a specimen chapter; but the continuation of this story will be found only in the N. Y. Ledger. Ask for the number dated Dec. 6, which can now be had at any news-office or bookstore. If you are not within reach of a news-office, you can have the Ledger mailed to you for one year by sending three dollars to Robert Bonner, publisher, No. 180 William street, New-York.

DEATH OF A VETERAN DIPLOMATIST.

Intelligence has been received at the British Foreign Office of the death, at Geneva, of Hon. Francis Reginald Forbes, second son of George, sixth Earl of Granard, (grandfather of the present Peer,) by his wife, Lady Selina Rawdon-Hastings, fourth daughter of John, first Earl of Moira. He was born on the 17th of September, 1791; consequently he had entered his eighty-third year. The honorable gentleman was a bachelor. He was an old diplomatic servant of the Crown, having been appointed by Lord Castlereagh an attaché to the Embassy at St. Petersburg in July, 1812, whence he was transferred to Vienna in 1814, where he became Secretary of Legation in July, 1817. Afterward—namely, in December, 1822—he was Secretary at Copenhagen, and in November the following year was appointed to a similar post at Lisbon, and became Secretary of the Legation there in September, 1826. In March, 1828, he again served as Secretary of the Embassy, and was Minister *ad interim* from July, 1831, to February, 1832. In November that year he was appointed Minister Plenipotentiary to the Court of Dresden, where, in 1857, he was raised to the rank of Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary. In 1859 he went as Minister to Rio de Janeiro, but was there only a short period, as he retired in November, 1858, upon a pension of £900 a year.

A SPECTRAL BANQUET.

The Cologne *Gazette* prints the following curious story: "In one of the principal restaurants in Paris a single guest lately sat down to a table laid for thirteen. He signified to the *garçon* that the other twelve places were taken, and proceeded quietly to eat his dinner. For twenty years, on the same day, he had dined at a table similarly furnished. This year he was unaccompanied, except by memories of the dead. On the first anniversary the thirteen places were all filled, Alfred De Musset, Théophile Gautier, and the Comte De Fiehas being of the number. Next year one chair—like *Banquo's*—was empty. Year after year passed, and, though the friends were fewer, the seats were placed as for the original party. During the course of the present year the last but one died, and the survivor, M. Rabelles, the artist, in his eighty-fourth year, dined alone."

A MAIL BURNED.

The Postmaster in this City has received a letter from Hon. George S. Bangs, General Superintendent of the Railway Mail Service, from which it will appear that the Post Office has sustained a serious loss. The following is the letter:

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT,
WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 20, 1873.

T. L. James, Esq., Postmaster, New-York:

SIR: I am in receipt of information from the local mail agent at Pittsburg, Penn., that baggage car No. 10, Pittsburg, Cincinnati and St. Louis Railroad, leaving Pittsburg at 9:55 A. M., on the 18th inst., was burned together with its contents, among which were the following mails from New-York or Shrewsport, La.: Galveston, Texas; M. K. and T. R. Post Office; Columbus, Ohio; Zanesville, Ohio; Dayton, Ohio; Cincinnati, Ohio; Louisville, Ky.; Nashville, Tenn.; St. Louis, Mo., and Memphis, Tenn. The Postmasters at each of the above-named offices have been notified of the loss.

Very respectfully,
GEORGE S. BANGS,
General Superintendent.

This mail was dispatched on the 17th inst., by the Allentown Line, and was mailed from this office in this City. No particulars as to the value of the contents or its position have yet been received.

COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS.

NEW-YORK, Saturday, Nov. 22, 1873.

The receipts of the principal kinds of Produce since our last have been as follows:

Ashes, pks.	4	Tallow, pks.	52
Cotton, bales.	2,872	Stearine, pks.	100
Flour, bbls.	10,741	Pork, pks.	35
Meal, bbls.	500	Cut-meats, pks.	1,071
Meal, sacks.	140	Tar, bbls.	163
Wheat, bushels.	49,820	Resin, bbls.	2,077
Corn, bushels.	11,200	Spirits Turpentine, bbls.	122
Oats, bushels.	8,650	Crude Turpentine, bbls.	20
Rye, bushels.	8,038	Lard, tcs.	426
Malt, bushels.	650	Butter, pks.	4,739
Barley, bushels.	21,000	Cheese, pks.	10,564
Peas, bushels.	270	Rice, pks.	100
Dried Fruit, pks.	31	Tea, pks.	16
Eggs, bbls.	2,315	Starch, pks.	1,275
Beans, bbls.	424	Tobacco, hhds.	27
Hops, bales.	116	Tobacco, pks.	54
Hemp, bales.	19	Wool, bales.	75
Hides, No.	1,205	Whisky, bbls.	387
Hides, bdls.	7		
Moss, bales.	49		
Leather, sides.	6,983		

BARK—All kinds have been in very slack demand, and more or less nominal in price.

BEES-WAX—Has been selling quite slowly at 29c.@31c. for Yellow.

COAL—Has been quite moderately inquired for, since our last, with Liverpool House Cannel quoted at $20; do. Gas, $14; Scotch, $10; Anthracite, from yard, at $5 50@$6 50, ₱ ton. On next Wednesday, Nov. 26, 170,000 tons of Scranton Coal will be offered at the regular monthly auction sale.

COCOA—Has been comparatively dull, since our last, with Maracaibo quoted at 28c.@30c.; Caracoas at 13c. @16c.; Para, Trinidad, and Grenada at 16c.@17c.; Guayaquil at 9c.@10c.; San Domingo at 6½c.@7c., gold, ₱ lb.

COFFEE—There has been a limited inquiry noted in the local market at nominally unchanged rates. At Baltimore, sales were made of 1,188 bags Rio by the Campeadero, 900 bags do. by the May Queen, and 598 bags by the Templar, on private terms.

COTTON—Has been dull and heavy for early delivery, with sales reported of 1,309 bales, for which 100 bales were to arrive, including 212 bales to shippers, (60 bales to spinners, and 458 bales to speculators, the market closing a trifle easier. For forward delivery a moderately active trade was reported at a reduction of 1-16@⅛c. ₱ lb. Sales have been reported since our last of 16,700 bales, (of which 1,600 bales were on last evening and 15,100 bales to-day,) with 3,500 bales more at the calls, on the basis of Low Middling, with Messrs. C. Holl & Co., 4,000 Dry Buenos Ayres, (Matadero,) 22½ lbs., at 27c., currency, less 2 ₱ cent. for cash, and 4 ₱ cent. for cash, selected; 2,000 Dry Bone Rios, 19½ lbs., at 20½c., gold, sixty days, selected; 2,000 Dry Maceio, 20½ lbs., at 26c., gold, four months, selected; 3,500 Dry Corrientes, 22 lbs., at 25½c. gold, sixty days selected; 900 Dry Corrientes and B. A. Rios, 20½ lbs., at 26c., gold, four months, selected; 2,300 Dry Rio Grande Cow, 20½ lbs., at 25c. gold, ninety days; 6,700 Dry Rio Grande Ox, 22 lbs., 1,250 Dry Rio Grande Ox and Cow, 21 lbs., 1,750 Dry Rio Grande Serotda, 20½ lbs., 9,000 Dry California, (to arrive,) 22 ₱ lbs. on private terms; 3,400 Dry Bogota, &c., 20@22 lbs., at 20c.@22c. gold, as they are; 1,000 Dry Central American, 19@22 lbs., on private terms; 300 Dry Port au Platte, 18 lbs., at 18c. gold, as they run; 10,400 Dry Mexican and Texas, (Hides and Kips); 2,800 Dry and salt Southern, (Hides and Kips); 4,800 Wet Salted Texas and New-Orleans, 50@70 lbs., on private terms; 8,500 Wet Salted Western, 50@60 lbs., at 8c. cash; 3,200 Wet Salted City Slaughter, (Steers,) 65@75 lbs., at 8½c. 2 mo. cash. The stock on hand is 82,200 Hides and 820 bales; same time last year, 106,000 Hides and 1,050 Cutlas.

MOLASSES—Quiet at about former prices.

NAILS—There has been a very slow trade noted in all descriptions, though the advantage as to prices has been in favor of buyers.

NAVAL STORES—Resin in moderate demand and quoted firmer; sales, 500 bbls. good Strained at $2 80; 50 bbls. Strained, small pks., at $2 75, and 200 bbls. Low No. 2 at $2 55. ₱ 280 lbs. Tar unchanged.... Crude Turpentine dull at 240c.@241c.; sales, 15 bbls. at 40½c.

OIL-CAKE—Has been in quite moderate request, at about former figures. The week's receipts have been 1,000 bags from European ports, 4,784 pks. Western quoted at $36 ₱ ton.

PETROLEUM—Crude firm and in more demand; quoted at 5½c.@5¾c. Sales 1,000 bbls. for each week in December, January, and February, at an average of 5½c. ₱ gallon....Refined quiet, with early deliveries quoted at 13¾c., and December options at 13¼c.....Refined, in cases, dull at 18¾c.@19¾c.

PROVISIONS—Pork has been inquired for to a moderate extent, in a jobbing way, at full prices; sales, 75 bbls. old Western Mess at $14 50, and 200 bbls. Clear on private terms. Also, 2,000 bbls. new Western Mess, March deliveries, at $16 30@$16 ₱ bbl....Dressed Hogs ruled down to 6½c.@6¾c. for City, and 6¾c. for market Pigs, on slower trade.....Cut Meats have been in moderate demand, with sales reported of 25 bxs. Long Cut-Hams, 18 lbs., deliverable Dec. 20, at 10c.; 200 bxs. Bay-sided Shoulders, December and January delivery, at 6c.@6¼c.; and 250 bxs. do., deliverable in December at Kansas City, at 4½c. Also sundry lots of City bulk sheets at steady rates.....Bacon, in fair request and quoted somewhat stronger in price; sales, 100 bxs. Clear Long Clear, at second week's delivery, at 7½c.; 200 bxs. Western do., to arrive, at 7½c.; 50 bxs. Short Rib, 28 lbs., early delivery, at 9½c.; 4,500 bxs. Long and Short Clear, December and January, at 7½c.; and 500 bxs. do. and do., February, at 7¾c. ₱ lb....Lard closed firm, with a modertely active movement reported, chiefly for forward delivery. Western Steam sold for early delivery, in small lots, at 7¾c.; 130 tcs. City do. were placed at 7½c.@7¾c. And for forward delivery, 750 tcs. Western Steam, January option, at 8½c., and 1,750 do. February, at 8½c.@8¾c. ₱ lb....Of refined 400 bbls. were sold at full rates; and of Beef Hams, 150 bbls. within the previous range.....Butter, Cheese, and Eggs quoted as in our last, on a moderate trade.....The week's exports have for Europe 19,289 bbls. Pork, 10,584 bxs. Bacon, 28,748 bxs. Cheese, 800 pks. Butter, 1,769 pks. Beef, and 12,878 pks. Lard.

SALT—Has been in limited request, with Liverpool ground quoted at $1 25@$1 30; Liverpool Fine, 82@85, from store; Nyack e ground, $1 80@$1 40; Factory Filled, $2 25; Bulk, 35c.@40c.; Coarse, 45c.; Turk's Island, &c., from store, 32½c.@35c.

SALTPETRE—Has been dull and nominal, with Crude quoted at 6½c. gold, ₱ lb.

SKINS—Deer have been actively sought after, with sales reported of 28,040 lbs. Central American, 10,000 lbs. Punta Cabello, 8,000 lbs. Para, 5,000 lbs. Vera Cruz, 3,000 lbs. Sisal, 2,000 lbs. Curacoa, and 4,000 lbs. Texas and Southern, within our range. Receipts have been 52 bales from Aspinwall, 29 bales from Sisal and Vera Cruz, and 19 bales from Paris. We quote: Honduras, 55c.@60c.; Guatemala, 60c.; Chagres, 59c.; Campeachy, 50c.@55c.; Sisal, 53c.@60c.; San Juan, 50c.; Vera Cruz, 55c.; Porto Cabello, 50c.@55c.; Angostura, 45c.@55c.; Para, 55c.@60c.; Southern and Texas, 30c.@40c., currency. ₱ lb. Goat have been inactive and about unsettled as to price. Sales, 50 bales Curacoa. Receipts comprise 187 bales Payta, 50 bales Vera Cruz, 25 bales Maracaibo. We quote: Pampico, 45c.; Matamoras, 55c.@60c.; Guatemala, 60c.; Chagres, 59c.; Campeachy, 50c.@55c.; Sisal, 53c.@60c.; San Juan, 50c.; Vera Cruz, 55c.; Porto Cabello, 50c.@55c.; Angostura, 45c.@55c.; Para, 55c.@60c.; Southern and Texas, 30c.@40c., currency. ₱ lb. Goat have been inactive and about unsettled as to price. Sales, 50 bales Curacoa. Receipts comprise 187 bales Payta, 50 bales Vera Cruz, 25 bales Maracaibo. We quote: Pampico, 45c.; Matamoras, 55c.@60c.; Guatemala, 60c.; Chagres, 59c.; Campeachy, 50c.@55c.; Curacoa, 50c.; Bogota, 40c.; Cape, 35c. ₱ lb.; Madras, each, 50c.; Patna, each, 35c.; East India Tanned Goat, 80c.; East India Tanned Sheep, 57½c.@60c., currency. ₱ lb.

SUGARS—Raw held quite firmly, but inactive; 186 hhds. good refining Cuba reported sold at 7¾c. ₱ lb. Refined in more request, with Yards quoted at 10¾c., and other kinds as before.

TALLOW—In fair demand at firm rates; sales, 110,000 lbs. country at 7¼c.@7 5-16c., with prime City quoted at 7¾c., as the asking rate.

WHISKY—Quoted here, with sales reported of 350 bbls., in lots, at 93½c.@94c. ₱ gallon.

FREIGHTS—The general market has shown rather more animation, and toward the close more steadiness, with somewhat more urgent inquiry for accommodation.....For Liverpool, the reported engagements since our last have been, by sail, 100 bales Cotton at 9d.@9-16d. ₱ lb.; 1,100 bbls. Flour at 3s. ₱ bbl.; 16,000 bushels Corn at 12d.@12½d. ₱ bushel; 1,500 bxs. Cheese at 32s. 6d. ₱ ton; and, by steam, 1,000 bales Cotton at 7-16d.@11-16d. ₱ lb.; 1,000 bbls. Pork at 7s. 6d. ₱ bbl.; 250 tcs. Beef, 1,000 boxes Bacon, 1,250 bbls. Apples, 275 pkgs. Butter, and 6,000 staves on private terms. And, to Philadelphia, 800 bales Cotton at 9d.@11-16d. ₱ lb.; 22,000 bushels Wheat at 14d.@15d. ₱ bushel; 100 tcs. Beef at 70s. ₱ tierce; 300 pks. Tallow at 50s.; 2,000 boxes Cheese at 75s.; 50 tons Clover-seed at 50s.; 50 tons Bark at 52s. 6d.; and 900 bbls. Molasses at 45s. Also a ship, 736 tons, placed on the berth hence, with general cargo, ...For London, by sail, 800 bbls. Flour at 4s. 3d. ₱ bbl....For Glasgow, by steam, 20 tcs. Beef at 10s. ₱ tierce. Also, a British bark, with 3,000 bbls. Flour, reported from Philadelphia, at 41s. ₱ bbl.... For Bristol, by steam, 90 tcs. Beef at 9s. ₱ tierce.....For Cardiff, a British bark hence with about 3,500 quarters Grain at 7s. 11d. and £15 gratuity.....For Cork and orders, a brig with Petroleum from Galveston, at 27s. 6d. ₱ ton. Also, a British ship, 999 tons, with Wheat, reported from San Francisco, at 29s. and a British bark, 450 tons, with Wheat, from Portland, Oregon, at 30s.....For Antwerp, by sail, 3,100 bushels Rye, at 14d. ₱ bushel....For Bremen, by steam, 500 bbls. Flour, 6,000 bushels Rye, 500 bales Cotton, 1,000 pks. Tobacco, 4,000 bbls. Apples, and 500 pks. Miscellaneous, at full rates. For Hamburg, by steam, 500 bbls. Flour, about 2,100 bbls. Petroleum, from Philadelphia, at 7s. 3d. ₱ bbl....For Havre, by French bark, 400 tons, reported with Phosphate, from the Gulf of California, at 90s.....For Marseilles, an American brig, with Tallow, reported from Philadelphia, at 7½c. ₱ lb.....For Barcelona, the British brig, 323 tons, reported in our last as chartered for general cargo, takes out Petroleum, in bbls., at 7s. ₱ bbl.....For Geno

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AMUSEMENTS THIS EVENING.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—La Traviata. (Italian Opera)—Mme. Nilsson, Mme. Carozzi, and Del Puente.

WALLACK'S THEATRE.—The Lear, and To Oblige Benson.—Mr. Lester Wallack, Miss Lewis.

BOOTH'S THEATRE.—Opening.—Mr. Edwin Booth, Miss Bella Pateman, Miss Mary Wells.

OLYMPIC THEATRE.—Babes Abroad.—Mr. Edwin Adams.

GRAND OPERA-HOUSE.—Humpty Dumpty Abroad.—Mr. G. L. Fox, Miss Fanny Hayward.

LYCEUM THEATRE.—Le Trovatore. (Italian Opera)—Miss Louise Kellogg, Miss Augusta Stewart Tamberlick.

BROADWAY THEATRE.—The New Magdalen.—Miss Charlotte LeClercq, Mr. H. H. Wood.

UNION SQUARE THEATRE.—The Wicked World.—Mr. Charles Gilbert, C. R. Thorne, Mr. M. Macklin.

NIBLO'S GARDEN.—The Black Crook.—Mr. G. W. Morton, Mr. George Atkins.

WOOD'S MUSEUM.—Dramatic Performances afternoon and evening. Curiosities.

MRS. CONWAY'S THEATRE, BROOKLYN.—The Geneva Cross.—Mrs. F. B. Conway, Mr. Frank Roche.

BRYANT'S MINSTRELS.—Farces, Singing, Conundrums.—Messrs. Unsworth, H. Seymour, and others.

ASSOCIATION HALL.—Lecture by Mr. W. S. Andrews. "Painted Shams."

COOPER INSTITUTE.—Prestidigitation and Ventriloquism by Messrs. Marsh and Colton.

STEINWAY HALL.—Concert by the Hampton College Students.

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The false dispatches from Madrid, giving accounts of Gen. Buckley's experiences with Spanish mobs, are now officially contradicted by the Spanish Government. They were part of a scheme to furnish an opportunity for a sensation to a newspaper. The paper referred to may regard itself as relieved from any responsibility for the effect of its publications, by the fact that they generally produce no effect. But it was not its fault that the false dispatches did not work a great deal of mischief.

When the new Assembly meets the first important question it will be called upon to consider will be found in the case of Henry W. Genet. This man claims to be a member of the Assembly from the Twenty-first District of this City. But it is a notorious fact that this same Henry W. Genet, on the 5th of February, 1872, was admitted to bail in the Supreme Court on an indictment for forgery in the third degree, which had been found against him by the Grand Jury. This indictment has never been tried, and although it is a legal presumption that any one accused of crime is innocent until he is proved guilty, the Assembly should not be controlled by this axiom of the law. It is well known that Genet was one of the most daring and unscrupulous of the Ring plunderers, and it would be a humiliating anomaly to have him helping to make laws for the State while Tweed is on Blackwell's Island. It is within the power of the Assembly to expel Genet as unfit for membership, and it should be done, if that body desires to gain public respect. The Republicans being responsible for the action of the Assembly, the caucus of the party preliminary to organization should take the proper action in this matter.

One of the most curious incidents of the great trial now happily concluded was the protest of Tweed's counsel against the fitness of the court. The exact nature of this document is a matter that has excited a good deal of interest and no end of gossip among the lawyers. It is of little consequence to the public, however, what its contents were. It was treated by Judge Davis at the time with decision but with dignity. He gave notice on Saturday that he would take up the matter again to-day and dispose of it. The public will now renew their interest in the matter and in the consequences it may entail upon the counsel involved.

Some light is thrown on the scheme for giving work to the unemployed at public expense by the result of a similar scheme in Paterson, N. J. There, after a good deal of agitation, no one accepted the work that was offered. One might reasonably suppose that, under these circumstances, the authorities need not have gone further. But they were kind-hearted, and they applied to the manufacturers (of whom the place has very many) to commence work at reduced wages, and the employers in part consented. Then it was found that the workmen would rather wait for full wages in the Spring than work for half wages now. In all these experiments, it is of the last importance to know how much want is to be relieved.

We have been importing much less this year than last; that everybody concedes. It is interesting to know in what lines the reduction has been made, and to what extent in each. The statistics of British exports to this country for the first ten months of this year, still of... [illegible] published [illegible]

morning, show these points to some extent. The greatest falling off has been in the manufactures of iron. Bar, bolt, and rod iron has fallen 62 per cent.; railroad-iron, 60 per cent.; and hoop, sheet, and boiler iron, 38 per cent.; pig-iron has fallen off 40 per cent., and steel, 16 per cent. Of silks, we have taken only half as many; of cotton goods, 23 per cent. less; of linen goods, 16 per cent. less; of woolens, only 9 per cent. less. Wool, on the other hand, has fallen off 60 per cent., and mixed goods in the same proportion.

As a newspaper, the *Herald* is noted not only for printing accounts of what has never taken place, but for garbling, from motives of its own, the accounts of what has really happened. Yesterday morning it contained what assumed to be a full report of Judge Davis' remarks in sentencing Tweed. Here is a portion of what, according to the *Herald*, Judge Davis said:

"The whole struggle has been a struggle between honesty and fraud, between virtue and crime. It is true that prominent able honorable men of all parties united at once to investigate and develop the true character of these frauds."

Here is what Judge Davis, at this point, really did say:

"The whole contest has been a struggle between honesty and fraud, between virtue and crime. *While it is true that one great and powerful leading paper in this City, belonging to a particular party, was the first to drag to light and hold up to the public eye these infamous frauds, yet it is equally true that* prominent able honorable men of all parties, united to investigate and develop their true character."

It will be seen that the words in italics are omitted by the *Herald*. Every one can see why. But what right has it to garble the report of a matter so important?

THE SURPRISE.

There is no doubt that the news that Tweed was actually in the Tombs was a great surprise to many thousands of people, and especially to the class that may be described as his adherents. The conviction was generally unexpected, the sentence—comprehensive in its scope, and unrelenting in its character—was not less so. But even these did not prepare the public mind for the spectacle of the chief of the corruptionists actually in prison. Our people are accustomed to the feeling that there are a great many loop-holes for escape from justice for political scoundrels of wealth and influence. The idea that Tweed had come to the end of his resources, and that he must go to jail like any other offender against the laws, when he had had but two trials and no appeal, is one that the community did not grasp very readily. The fact is certainly a very significant one. There is no doubt that everything which could be done was done to save Tweed from the convict's cell. What is worthy of note, and a matter for profound congratulation, is that all was in vain. One of the evening papers of Saturday—to which, perhaps, the wish was father to the thought—stated that a Judge of another district was in the court-room ready, when sentence had been pronounced, to grant a stay of proceedings. The statement was false. The Judge referred to was not on hand, and when applied to subsequently he denied a motion to grant a stay. Yet so accustomed had the people of the City become to the immunity heretofore afforded criminals under our law, that there was no improbability apparent in the statement. Nor would there have been anything but a general "I told you so" had it been reported yesterday morning that Tweed was again at large on bail.

The thing we would like our readers to notice in this connection is that the machinery for the punishment of criminals has not been changed to accomplish the result that fills everyone with a sense of incredulity, pleased or otherwise. Our laws are the same as when Barnard issued stays of proceedings by telegraph, and the Erie war was waged by volleys of writs and counter-writs from all over the State. Our jury system has been somewhat altered, but all the powers which in times past have been abused in the interest of malefactors exist still in the hands of our Judges. It is the men who have been changed. The prosecution of an offense against the people, committed by a plunderer who uses his booty to pay his lawyers' bills, is still a slow process, but it is no longer a vain one. The substitution of good men for bad on the Bench has made the result of a well-founded prosecution as certain as anything in law can be. Even the few doubtful men who still sit on the Bench feel the powerful influence of its changed *morale*, and hesitate to use the powers they possess. The conviction and imprisonment of Tweed call attention to the change that has occurred. But they are the results of causes that have been steadily and silently working for a good while. Such events would have been impossible two years since. They would have been improbable one year ago. Now they are facts accomplished. That they are so is a new illustration of the inherent virtue of a free community.

POSTAL AFFAIRS.

Mr. Creswell begins his annual report by showing us that the chance of the Post Office Department becoming self-sustaining is so remote that it is hardly worth considering. During the year ending June 30, 1873, the revenues were $22,996,741, and the expenditures, $29,084,945, leaving a deficit of $6,088,204. During the previous year the deficit was only $4,742,764. It will be seen that the ratio of increase in expenditure is much more than keeping pace with the ratio of increase in revenue. The Postmaster General seems himself to be convinced of this fact, for he estimates the deficiency for the ensuing year at nearly $6,000,000, including subsidies for steam-ship service. It is not a new revelation that our postal service is not self-supporting, nor is there much discouragement in the discovery of the slight probability of its ever becoming so. We take notice of the fact to which Mr. Creswell gives precedence in his report only as one of interest to the public, and not for the purpose of casting any reflections upon the administration of the department. In a country of such great extent and scattered population, where long and expensive routes must be maintained for the convenience of the people, it cannot be expected that the Post Office Department will pay its own way. The showing which is made in this respect is as good as could have been looked for.

Some idea of the greatness of this service can be gained from the statistics of the report. The public mail routes in operation were 7,424, aggregating 256,210 miles in length, and 119,900,650 miles in annual transportation. The Post Offices depending on this carrying service were 33,244, being an increase of 1,381 over the previous year, while the increase in length of routes was 4,812 miles, and in annual transportation, 4,995,328 miles. By going more into details a better view, perhaps, of the work of the department can be obtained. Taking only a single branch, and selecting the Railway Post Office service, we find that upon 12,312 miles the service is performed daily, upon 2,533 miles twice daily, and upon twenty-one miles four times—the total service, counting all the lines both ways, aggregating 34,925 miles daily. This, it must be remembered, is but one limited service, which is yet in its infancy. The free-delivery system is a more striking illustration of the greatness of our postal operations. During the year 316,364,635 letters and 58,951,038 newspapers were collected and delivered, and it is a proof of industry in one class of officials that all this was done by 1,499 carriers, whose pay, including incidental expenses, was only $1,422,495. Hardly any other equal expenditure of public money is of equal service to the people.

In every branch of the department a large increase is shown in the demands made by the public upon it, and this is notably the case with the foreign mails. During the year 27,459,185 letters were exchanged with foreign countries, being an increase of 3,096,685. The total weight of mails exchanged was over 912 tons, being an increase of 92 tons. With the increase of business it is gratifying to find the department fully answering the claims upon it, and constantly seeking to improve the service in regularity and dispatch. Very much remains to be accomplished in both these directions, but that something has been done is proved by the fact that the time between New-York and San Francisco has been reduced one day. On the other hand, the safety of the mails as a means of transmitting money is not shown by the fact that 2,185 registered letters went astray during the year, and of this number 313 were wholly lost, while 899 have been accounted for, and 973 cases are still under investigation. The carelessness of letter-writers is again strikingly apparent this year in 4,402,348 dead letters, representing an actual or nominal value of $5,795,764. Of this number 1,826,106, representing $5,377,923, were delivered to owners or writers, and 2,533,482 letters, which were worthless and could not be delivered, were destroyed. The yield to the Treasury from unclaimed dead letters was $10,351. The operations of the money-order system further show the vast amount of money which annually passes through the mails, the total number of orders being 3,355,686, and the aggregate value $57,516,216. Here again the carelessness of the people comes into view, for the excess of issues over payments was $221,204.

It has been our purpose in reviewing this report to gather from its great array of valuable statistics those which are most interesting and suggestive. Mr. Creswell, however, does not confine himself to giving a history of his department for the past year, but discusses some questions connected with it with his usual directness and vigor. One of these is the postal savings bank system, to which he devotes much space. The position he takes in favor of the system will doubtless lead to a full discussion of its merits. The subject is one upon which we shall have something to say hereafter. We are sorry to find that Mr. Creswell urges his postal telegraph scheme with more heat and less discretion than he did last year. This project is one which has failed to meet public approval, and there is no likelihood that it will be any better received now than in the past. The merits of the question are unchanged, and it is not surprising that the Postmaster General has nothing very new to say in favor of his hobby. Much that he has said might have been omitted from an official report without detriment to its character.

GENERAL TRADE.

Our exports from this port continue upon the same large scale, being for the week last reported $7,603,599, and total previously reported $257,589,247, making in all $265,192,846, as against $205,133,530 for the corresponding period last year. And there is every probability of the continuance of this state of things for some time to come. A good authority upon the condition of the English and Continental grain markets, the *Mark Lane Express*, in its issue of Nov. 3, says that monetary pressure in England has not lowered prices, and the opening of Winter presents no prospects of a decline. The wheat trade of Paris shows the rise of one shilling per quarter. Dantzic shows a still greater advance, and so limited are stocks in German ports that prices have been tending upward, and this is also partially true in Belgium. Southern Russia, as well as the Danubian Principalities, have been prevented from accumulating stocks by the lowness of the great rivers from drought, as well as from local deficiencies. The matter is summed up in the opinion that the English market is not likely to be overdone, while there is, on the other hand, no danger of a short supply, when American crops are taken into consideration. But in France the small farmers have already sold out, and the large growers are busy with getting in their seed, and send but little to the provincial markets. This state of things in Europe had its influence upon the New-York wheat and flour market last week, as manifested in better prices and a very cheerful feeling. The rise in gold, and the close of the Erie Canal by ice, with so much produce locked up in it, have tended in the same direction.

In another of our great staples—cotton—less hopefulness is felt. It is as yet impossible to give a correct estimate of the probable crop. The receipts at all the Southern ports from Sept. 1 to Nov. 21 are reported in round numbers as about 150,000 bales less than during the corresponding period of last year. This evidences the extreme monetary stringency which has prevailed in the South and to which we have heretofore called attention, as well as the unwillingness of the planters to part with their cotton at such low prices. This is not to be wondered at when it is considered that the crop has been made with wages at the highest; there are estimates of cost to the planter as high as eleven or twelve cents per pound. The loss to the South would have been vastly greater had she not wisely varied her industry this year to a larger extent than ever before. When the South can feed her laborers, planters can hold their cotton for good prices, instead of being compelled to sacrifice it on account of the necessity of procuring money at all hazards. A community that raises only a single crop is, unless it has a monopoly, generally at the mercy of buyers, as it cannot afford to hold for a good market. In North Carolina, Georgia, and other States this notion constantly gains ground, and its growing acceptance is a great step in the direction of restored Southern prosperity. We desire to express no opinion upon the future price of cotton, but it can hardly fail to be steadied by the reassuring news from England. On the other hand, as the *Financial Chronicle*, in its cotton summary, urges, the decrease of consumption by our American mills to the extent of about six thousand bales a week will, if only continued until Jan. 1, make a diminution of consumption of not less than 75,000 bales for the year. To that is to be added the unsatisfactory condition of the English mill interest, if Mr. Hugh Mason, President of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce, is competent authority, and the fact that last year, according to Ott Trumpler's computations, the supply to all of Europe was deficient from all other countries except the United States to the extent of 1,900,000 bales—a deficiency which the existing reports from these countries indicate will probably be met this year. But, then, it seems to us that the large reduction in the price of fabrics must considerably stimulate the manufacturing demand when stocks run down, and this will react upon the raw material. A manager of one of our mills is reported to have remarked the other day that if cotton continues low, then there will be a chance for manufacturers to regain the markets they lost twelve years ago by reason of the greatly enhanced cost of production; if the staple rises, goods will advance with it.

The feeling in general trade continues to improve; there is growing ease in the money market and added confidence. The number of mercantile failures has been very small, and in the case of suspended houses it is hoped that little will be ultimately lost. Collections are coming in as well as could be anticipated, and the wise policy of reducing prices is bringing out hoarded money, and acting as an excellent advertisement for New-York merchants. Buyers, both at wholesale and retail, made up their minds that there must be some concession in prices, and are now availing themselves of the reductions.

The importing interest continues dull. For the week ending Nov. 15, there was more than one-third less dry goods imported than in the corresponding week last year, and less than one-half thrown upon the market for consumption. For the week ending Nov. 21, the dry goods imports were of the specie value of $1,923,422, and the amount thrown upon the market $967,976. Certainly the shrinkage in our imports of all kinds this year has been very remarkable, and has been mainly in dry goods and in iron rails, which we could either do without or else could as well manufacture at home. The most enthusiastic advocate of American labor could ask no better progress in this direction than the present financial year will show. The trade independence which we have gained will far outbalance, in the long run, the disasters of the late panic.

Accounts from Baltimore, Boston, St. Louis, the North-west, and even New-Orleans show that the business improvement has not been confined to New-York; in the North-west especially the feeling seems cheerful. Manufacturing towns even begin to give some evidence of revived industry, and in many instances, it is rather the lack of money than of orders that prevents revival. In all cases where labor is willing to accept lower wages it would seem to the interest of the employer as well as of the community to commence production. He can confer a public benefit with a private advantage to himself. Houses can be built, and most kinds of goods can be manufactured more cheaply this Winter than they are likely to be six months hence, and therefore it is probable that capital, as soon as matters have settled down a little more, will not neglect its opportunity.

ANOTHER OBLIGING SHERIFF'S OFFICER.

The Butler will case, now being heard by Surrogate Hutchings, gives a fresh illustration of the manner in which Deputy Sheriffs take care of the prisoners committed to their charge. The decedent, Richard R. Butler, as the reader may remember, was arrested some time before his death on a civil suit brought by his partner, and committed to Ludlow Street Jail. While trying to find bail, he was put in charge of Special Deputy Martin B. Keese, who on Tuesday testified as to his conduct while in his company. His evidence shows him to have been a worthy associate of Deputy Sheriff Hunt. On these excursions the testator was "continually taking drinks, chiefly brandy and champagne," so that "toward night he was mentally clouded." They also enjoyed many dinners while engaged in this pleasing but futile task, at which champagne was sure to be drank in large quantities, not to mention divers glasses of brandy. In short, this excellent Deputy seems to have lent himself with evident alacrity to the praiseworthy enterprise of helping his prisoner to fuddle himself as completely as possible.

Mr. Keese, we are told, no longer adorns the list of the Sheriff's retainers. But he is undoubtedly a fair sample of the men who remain, and his conduct in this instance may be taken as a specimen of the conduct common on such occasions. Of course the expense of these little dinners and drinks is borne by the prisoner, who, if of a convivial turn, and seconded by an agreeable and indulgent officer, like Keese or Ward, may readily contrive to spend a neat little sum for these liquid consolations. This, added to the fees exacted by the Sheriff's officer for his attendance, always exorbitant, speedily amounts to a very considerable sum, all of which is so much money taken out of the pockets of the creditors. The additional indecency of an officer of the law going about tippling with his prisoner, we need not dwell on. In this case, moreover, the officer saw that his prisoner was doing himself a positive injury by his excessive drinking. Yet it seems never to have occurred to him that it was any part of his duty to exercise the slightest restraint. It is evident that the new Sheriff will have ample room for reform when he enters upon his office, and we shall be greatly surprised, and more disappointed, if he fails to make many changes in the *personnel* of his subordinates, as well as in their manner of doing business.

LIBEL IN ST. PETERSBURG.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the *Journal des Débats* explains a remarkable increase in actions for libel in Russia of late, and the interest taken therein by the public, as resulting from the fact that the press, being allowed such limited latitude as regards the discussion of subjects of political interest, is driven into the field of private life and scandal. Had the correspondent enjoyed a little experience of our press here, he would soon discover that the most ample latitude in the discussion of political topics by no means hinders some of our "enterprising" contemporaries from indulging whenever a chance offers in libelous misrepresentations from which a St. Petersburg school for scandal would, we feel convinced, incontinently shrink. The most recent *cause célèbre* at St. Petersburg, was an action brought against a highly-respectable journal, the *Messager Judiciare*, by a Dr. Topfer, and arose out of a statement that the doctor had illegally detained a Major Priptsky in a private lunatic asylum. The first result of this statement was that the Government authorities instituted an official inquiry into the matter, which ended in the exoneration of Dr. Topfer; thereupon that gentleman brought an action for defamation against the paper. All St. Petersburg flocked to hear the case, which excited great interest, not merely in itself, but as a precedent. The defendants' advocate took the position that a newspaper was justified in publishing a statement of the truth of which it could prove, by documentary evidence, a reasonable presumption, and he pointed out that the *Judiciare* had merely published a statement coming to it from a source which it believed trustworthy, and had added no embellishments of its own. The jury gave for defendants. The correspondent appears to regard this verdict as very valuable, as conveying a salutary hint to a public so thin-skinned as to be exasperated at the least unfavorable criticism.

SILENT POVERTY.

There is a large class of the poor whose wants are well known. This class will undoubtedly be much increased this Winter. But great as will be this increase, it will be less than that of another class of sufferers from poverty. We allude to those whose destitution will for one cause or another fail to be brought to the attention of the benevolent. Such cases are numerous every year, but in "hard times" their numbers are, for obvious reasons, largely augmented. There will be thousands of persons suffering from destitution this Winter to a degree to which they never suffered before. Such persons will often endure a great deal from cold and hunger rather than ask for charity. In fact, many of them will not only do this, but will take pains to conceal their wants so as to avoid offers of assistance. The sense of dignity which a poor family feel in the consciousness of being able to earn their own living, is a feeling for the preservation of which they will often make terrible sacrifices. We do not say that this is not sometimes carried too far. We think it is. But even where overstrained and excessive, it contains an element which is entitled to profound respect. Without, however, discussing the question how far it ought or ought not to be carried, it is sufficient for our present purpose to say that it exists, and to call attention to it as likely to be an unusually important feature in much of the distress from poverty this Winter.

It is not easy to suggest any general plan for the relief, in a large city, of the class of which we are speaking. In a village or rural neighborhood the matter can generally be managed with far less difficulty. Where everybody knows everybody, and where the circumstances of each family are pretty well understood by the whole community, there is little trouble in at least finding out the wants of those who are destitute. But one of the incidents inseparable from life in a large city is the separation between the rich and the poor, which prevents even the names of the latter from being known to the former. This separation is nowhere in the world wider than in New-York. The knowledge in regard to the laboring people which is incidentally thrown in the way of a rich merchant's family here generally amounts to almost nothing. Most of the information of this kind which they thus acquire must be obtained from direct study and inquiry. It is no exaggeration to say that there are not a few such families in this City who could give a more accurate and detailed account of a working man's mode of life in Paris or Berlin, or, it may be, in Canton or Calcutta, than they could in regard to the corresponding class in New-York.

The difficulty of which we are speaking cannot, of course, by any possibility, be entirely overcome, but it may be greatly modified. Gentlemen engaged in active business can find out a great deal from the working men whom they have occasion to employ. Ladies can, in a similar manner, learn very much from women whom, in one capacity or another, they get to work for them. There will be, we fear, few such working men or working women this Winter who cannot tell of more than one poor family of the kind to which we are referring in this article. Many of these will be cases which our great benevolent societies cannot reach; and, at any rate, there will be plenty for these societies to do this Winter, after having all the cases taken off their hands of which the direct benevolence of private individuals can relieve them.

It is many years since the subject of unknown poverty has called for so much attention as it is likely to demand in the coming season. We most earnestly hope it will be many years before the same degree of attention will be needed again. In the meantime, Winter is before us. A few weeks will bring to great numbers of poor families their first experience of actual and severe destitution.

A LIGHT-SHIP SUNK.

Lewes, Del., Nov. 23.—The pilots report that the five fathom Light-ship has disappeared. A sunken vessel on Fenwick's Island shoals is supposed to be the lightship.

RECORD OF AMUSEMENTS.

MUSICAL.

THE SEASON OF OPERA.

An immense audience was gathered at the Academy of Music Saturday afternoon, when "Gli Ugonotti" was represented for the last time. The performance does not need fresh comment; we are glad to be able to note that its rare excellence was heartily appreciated. To-night, Mme. Nilsson will sing in "La Traviata" and on Wednesday, "Aida" will be brought out. We shall have more to say hereafter of the promise of this representation. For the present, we must confine ourselves to the statement that "Aida" is Verdi's latest opera, and that it will be produced on a scale of magnificence never before attained to. Successive recitals of "Aida" will bring Mr. Strakosch's season to a close.....Mention has already been made of the approaching performances of Mr. Maretzek's artists at the Lyceum Theatre. To-night, Mmes. Di Murska and Lucca, and Signor Tamberlick will sing in "Il Trovatore," and Wednesday, "Don Giovanni" is to be done. In about ten days Mr. Maretzek's company will proceed to Havana, where there is reason to believe that their series of entertainments will be exceedingly profitable.

MR. THOMAS' SYMPHONY CONCERT.

The first of the series of six Symphony Concerts which Mr. Thomas has accustomed the New-York public to anticipate every Winter for the past six years, was given at Steinway Hall Saturday evening. The performance indicated that there would be no falling off, this season, from the high excellence of earlier recitals, and the presence of a large and appreciative audience showed that the interest long ago taken in Mr. Thomas' enterprises is undiminished. There were some admirable points in Saturday's work. We cannot hope to listen to a more exquisite execution of the *scherzo*, of Berlioz, called "Queen Mab," and as clearly illustrative as music can be of *Mercutio's* fanciful lines in "Romeo and Juliet." Writing of greater delicacy was never assigned for interpretation to a body of violinists, and when we remark that it was read with absolute correctness, and that the reading was colored as cleverly as the least trying concerted music, we shall have only done Mr. Thomas' orchestra the justice due to its skill and industry. The *scherzo*, which may be referred to as the test piece of the entertainment, led the second part of the programme, while the first was commenced with Beethoven's fine overture known as "The Consecration of the House," and written for the opening of the Josephstadt Theatre, in Vienna, in 1822. The first half of the bill also included the most important composition of the night. Schubert's symphony in C can surely not be classed with the symphonic efforts of either Beethoven or Schumann, but it is a work of no ordinary worth, and the *andante con moto*—the second of its four movements—is of unquestionable beauty. Mr. Thomas' band played the whole symphony to perfection, the mechanical correctness of the delivery in no way interfering with its expressiveness. A vigorous specimen of scoring for orchestra in shape of a "symphonic introduction," entitled "Sigurd Slembe," and from the pen of J. Svendsen, was the last number of the evening, and was done with immense vivacity and power. As usual, the labors of the band were diversified by solo performances. In Mr. Louis Labeck, who Saturday made his first appearance in the United States, Mr. Thomas has secured a violoncellist whose delicious tone and unexceptionable playing of *cantabile* passages made ample amends for certain inaccuracies of technique discernible in the difficult cadenza of a concerto by Molique. The vocalist of the occasion, was Mr. Whitney, whose resonant voice was listened to in an air from Bach's "Matthaeus Passion Musik," in Beethoven's ariotta "In questa tomba oscura," and, as an act of deference to an encore, in "Qui sdegno," from Mozart's "Zauberflote." We cannot find fault with Mr. Whitney for not making Bach's aria, which cannot be successfully detached from the great work of which it is a part, as effective as was expected. But an increased warmth in his declamation and a more thorough command of his resources would have much enhanced the merit of his after-contributions to the concert. Mr. Thomas' next entertainment will take place on Saturday, Dec. 27. The programme then to be interpreted is as follows:

Overture, "The Bride of Messina".....Schumann
Concerto for Violin, "Hungarian".....Joachim
Mr. Bernhard Listemann.
Symphony No. 5, "Leonore".....Raff
Theme and Variations, Scherzo and Finale, } Septett, Op. 20.....Beethoven
Overture, "Carnaval Romain".....Berlioz

BRIEF NOTES.

The Liederkranz Society gave the first of its series of Winter concerts at the Club-house, in Fourth street, last evening. These entertainments have many traits to commend them. The programmes often include important works rarely recited elsewhere, and, while the choral-work is always of the best kind, solo performances of particular merit are occasionally enjoyed. Yesterday's concert was a very good one, and especially attractive because of its variety. A respectable recital of Beethoven's "Pastoral" symphony opened the proceedings, and violin and vocal solos and choral singing filled it out. The violinist was Herr Ernst Schiever, whose neat execution we recently adverted to when the gentleman appeared at the Philharmonic Society; he rendered, last night, Beethoven's well-known romance, and a *polonaise* by Laub, in the delivery of which, however, the requisite dash and power were quite wanting. Miss Isabella Brush, the songstress of the evening, proved to be an exceedingly pretty young lady with a pleasant voice and a rather immature style. Miss Brush sang the "Scène des Bijoux," from "Faust," and a *lied* by Hoelzel.....On to-morrow week a grand operatic concert, in which Mme. Nilsson and all Mr. Strakosch's artists are to take part, is to be given at the Academy of Music. It is intended to aid the poor in charge of the Scandinavian Emigrant Society of this City, and we learn that Mme. Nilsson has generously tendered her services, Mr. Strakosch also co-operating with the lady in her effort to assist a deserving charity.....The "Blind Tom" will give concerts at Steinway Hall, on Tuesday and Friday evenings next, and on Saturday afternoon.....The Hampton singers will appear to-night, at Steinway Hall, for the last time.....The Yale Glee Club are to give a concert at Steinway Hall on Wednesday.

DRAMATIC.

"THE LIAR" AT WALLACK'S THEATRE.

Unlike many popular modern comedies, Foote's "Liar," first produced 101 years ago, is full of amusing and well-wrought situations; it offends no principles of morality, and it truckles to no false sentiments of delicacy or prudery. Still more unlike modern comedies, it is brim full of sparkling dialogue and bubbles over with wit. Not the wit of the Byronic or Robertsonian school, manufactured into smart epigram, wherein several persons talk several pages for the sake of saying one or more smart things, entirely neglectful of the purpose of the play; but in "The Liar" the wit and humor arise from the necessities of the situations and the characters. It may be safely said that in the hour and forty-five minutes consumed in the performance of this comedy there is not one unnecessary line, and each joke or repartee flows from the speaker of it as naturally as the quip of our street Arab does from him, or the blatant oath does from our Sixth Ward rowdy. As adapted to the modern stage by Mr. Charles Mathews, whatever of tediousness existed in the original—and very little did—has been judiciously expunged, a few trifling alterations have been made in the scenes, and, with one not very important change in the *dramatis personæ*, Foote's comedy, after more than a century's hard service, is among the most enjoyable and brilliant productions of the stage. An exceedingly large and fashionable audience greeted its revival at Wallack's Theatre Saturday night. Familiarity seemed evidently not to breed contempt on this occasion. Often as "The Liar" has been seen in New-York of late years, we doubt if ever its representation called forth more hearty peals of laughter, or more sustained enthusiasm than it there provoked. The exceptional acting of the comedy of course contributed to this gratifying result. The school of acting required for the performance of such characters as *Young Wilding* has very few masters, or even pupils at the present time. What among actors is known as "old-stocking comedy" is almost obsolete to-day. While, however, we have two such actors as Mr. Wallack and Mr. Gilbert we need not despair of occasionally seeing [illegible] enjoying the humor and wit of our great grandfathers. The part of *Young Wilding* is one requiring, if not the most substantial of dramatic art, certainly the most inexhaustible spirits, the most winning grace of deportment and appearance, and the most invincible dash and abandon imaginable. The amount of skill shown *Young Wilding* has to deliver himself of is almost sufficient to make the most venturous actor pause, and when the complex situations into which he is entrapped and the address required to make each motive patent to the audience are considered, it is fair to presume that the character will remain only in a few hands, and fools will not often step in where angels fear to tread. Mr. Lester Wallack's ripe experience, his humor and vivacity peculiarly fit him for such a character, and his impersonation of it on Saturday night revealed the gentleman at his best. The change from the character of *Hugh Chalkit* in "Ours," played on the afternoon of the same day, to *Young Wilding*, was almost marvelous, not in appearance alone, but in bearing and purpose, and in the arts employed for success. Where so much depends upon the completeness of a dramatic picture, it would be useless to particularize scenes or incidents in the comedy in which Mr. Wallack excelled, but we may be allowed to call attention to the dialogue with *Old Wilding*, which were as genuine specimens of pure comedy and unadulterated fun as it is possible to conceive. Miss Jeffreys Lewis, a young lady only slightly known to New-York by her appearance at the Lyceum Theatre recently, made her début at Wallack's on this occasion, in the character of *Miss Grantham*. Miss Lewis, by her performance of *Esmeralda* had merely established herself as a young lady of great personal attractions and average ability. Her performance was unquestionably a surprise to the audience. Her dressing, deportment and acting revealed a well-trained artist, and as the part of *Miss Grantham* is no mean test for such, throughout the comedy she received signal marks of her audience's favor, and her début may be credited with being one of the most successful we have ever seen at this theatre. Mr. John Gilbert, the unapproachable, who stands alone in his walk, and whose infinite variety age cannot wither nor custom stale, was in great form. His appearance was almost enough to insure the success of the comedy. He looked like one of George II.'s courtiers just stepped out of his picture-frame. Of how he acted it is almost unnecessary to speak. Everybody in New-York knows how he can act, and knows when he has a good thing to say how he says it. *Old Wilding* is full of good lines and situations, and every one of these told, and each exit of the actor was the signal for a burst of applause. Mrs. John Sefton performed the rather thankless part of *Miss Godfrey*, and did with it all that an old actress and refined artist could. Messrs. Ferguson and Beckett, in the less important characters of *Sir James Elliot* and *Papillon*, were excellent and served to complete one of the most unique casts the comedy has ever had in this City. There are only two scenes in "The Liar," one a representation of St. James' Park, London, in 1762, and the other an interior of a fashionable dwelling-house. The first scene was a gem, both of stage mechanism and painting. The picture was made wonderfully complete by the well-dressed promenaders of the scene, and the little bit of business of the changing guards, artfully introduced by the stage-manager. The other scene of the comedy was also very elaborate and appropriate. At the close of the play Mr. Wallack and Miss Lewis were twice called before the curtain.

DALY'S NEW THEATRE—THE OPENING NIGHT—THE COMPANY.

The up-town theatre-goers will be delighted to learn that Mr. Daly considers his new theatre so nearly completed that he can with safety fix upon the evening of Dec. 3 as the opening night. Wednesday, on which this date falls, is proverbially a lucky day, and there will be a very general hope expressed that it may prove so in this case. For Mr. Daly is the most progressive of all our New-York managers, and he has shown in the plans for this theatre as great a desire for public comfort and convenience as for his own pecuniary benefit. The gentlemen will be eager to avail themselves of the vestibule, where a mild cigarette can be smoked in comfort between the acts. And the ladies will not forget the beautifully furnished parlor, where they can invest themselves in their wrappings without being jostled by a surging crowd, or sending their own elbows into the eyes of their children. The public is ready for Mr. Daly, and Mr. Daly is ready for them with a new inaugural comedy in five acts, an original piece, written expressly for the occasion by Mr. James Albery, of London, a name familiar to theatre *habitués*. It is called "Fortune," and will no doubt prove fortunate. An opening address, written by no less a genius than Oliver Wendell Holmes, will commence the evening's entertainment. It is not known by what fair spirit of comedy it will be delivered, nor is it wise to hazard a conjecture in a company where there are so many capable of delivering it with the needful fire, vivacity, and archness. *Adroit omen.* Let the omen of the evening be accepted as a pledge that American wit shall sooner or later be triumphant on the boards of this new theatre, and that the time shall come when it will not be necessary to go to England for plays or players. It is certainly true that Mr. Daly has, more than any other, sought to develop the native talent that hides throughout the country, and has brought it blushing before the fire of Metropolitan applause. Notably as examples of this can be taken Miss Clara Morris and Miss Agnes Ethel, now fairly launched as successful stars, and Miss Fanny Davenport, who still reigns triumphantly in the company, which will be remarkably full this season. It comprises Miss Fanny Davenport, Miss Sara Jewett, Miss Ada Dyas, (her first appearance,) Miss Fanny Morant, Mrs. G. H. Gilbert, Miss Minnie Conway, Miss Alice Grey, Miss Marie Gordon, Miss Nellie Mortimer, Miss Nina Varian, Miss Mary Marcy, Miss Kate Congdon, Miss Griffiths. The gentlemen are Mr. George Clarke, Mr. Chas. Fisher, Mr. James Lewis, Mr. Louis James, Mr. W. Davidge, Mr. Frank Hardenbergh, Mr. Owen Fawcett, Mr. George Parkes, Mr. Hart Conway, Mr. D. Whiting, Mr. George Devere, Mr. J. G. Peakes, Mr. F. M. Chapman, Mr. W. H. Beekman, and Mr. D. H. Harkins.

It will be seen that all the old favorites—the jolly, unctious Davidge and the humorous Mr. Lewis; the polished Mr. Fisher and that

every place. Mr. Gilbert satirically makes his fairy ... direct for proselyting, for becoming moral ... to the wicked world, and the ... that cause one of the ... the legitimate results of the ... That he should fail in his effort ... of the air, and should simply repro... and woman whom he had seen around ... was inevitable since no one can depict that which he does not know. And his furies, charming as they are, are only school girls in a convent, having no knowledge of evil, and determined to get into mischief. *Solens*, the Queen, is the only one who is earnest in the proselytizing scheme—the only one who wants to make mankind better. She is truly simple; the others have a desire for the forbidden ... which will come from contact with mortals. They look forward to these eagerly, but she never thinks about the consequences, and is wholly wrapt up in the idea of improving the wicked race of mortals. It is clear that this character might have stepped out of a nursery, but who can blame Mr. Gilbert, who has not a particle of imagination, for failing in a point where imagination is all in all? He has a lively and delicate fancy; that is all.

Miss Clara Morris has evidently comprehended better than her critics the partial failure of Mr. Gilbert to get out his idea. She has taken the character of *Selene* as it is, not as the author meant it to be. She plays it as if *Selene* were an Aztec Princess welcoming the Spaniards, eager to teach them the mysteries of Mexican civilization, and prone to love them. She makes it a thing of flesh and blood, real, tangible, and intensely sympathetic. The ... of Mr. Gilbert utterly disappears, as indeed it was too weak to live. She brings out with perfect fidelity the limpid innocence of the *Fairy Queen*, her affectionate disposition, her weakness of will ... her own opinion to the sug... Throughout the whole first act ... a dangerous vein of *double entendre* through ... she hovers, speaks, and acts with the uncon... of the Lady in Milton's "Mask of Comus." She thrills openly, and without effort of concealment at the first kiss of mortal love, and her soul expands visibly with joyousness, like the petals of a flower opening under the warm rays of the sun. It is a pity that her companions do not carry out their high ideal, but they cannot, because Mr. Gilbert has not so drawn them, and they lack the creative powers of genius which she possesses. The gradual changing of her character in the second act, with the abrupt transition at the close, is a piece of realistic acting such as is seldom seen in New-York. There are captious critics who complain of the monotony of her delivery, but this is an error; she possesses the most wonderful gradation of semi-tones, giving her a compass of modulation which enables her to attain tremendous climaxes without ranting. People accustomed to coarse gradations have not sufficient subtlety of perception to follow her, but this can no more be charged against her than an art critic could blame Titian for his gradations of color. Her power of pathos and her magnetism are admitted by all, and the time will certainly come when the public and the critics will be educated up to her method. It is ludicrous to read some of them objecting that she is not *spirituelle* in the rôle, whereas Gilbert's ideal is the furthest from that which can be conceived. It is doubtful if the play will have a permanent hold upon the stage, from the fact that it is very slight, and that the author's want of imagination has prevented him from working out his original conception.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES.

Edwin Booth enters to-night upon the last week of his engagement at Booth's Theatre. He purposes to play *Othello* to-night and to-morrow; on Wednesday he will assume the far more congenial rôle of *Iago*; on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday he will appear as *Shylock*, also one of his most successful efforts.....At the Broadway Theatre, Miss Carlotta Le Clercq also commences the terminal week of her engagement, playing every night in "The New Magdalen," which has proved an immense success. This piece will be ... on the Thanksgiving Day matinée. Horace Lingard and troupe will succeed as the stars of this theatre, and will give a new musical performance, including all the specialties which have made this person popular.....The Grand Opera-house produces to-night the grand panto-mime of "Humpty Dumpty Abroad," an old friend under novel circumstances. Mr. Fox has made the realm of pantomime his specialty, and his name is a sure indication that the piece will be full of funny incidents, replete with gorgeous scenery, dazzling transformations, light, graceful ballets, and novel tricks. The liberality of the manager has furnished Mr. Fox with everything that the most inveterate of pantomimists could desire, and in costumes and stage appurtenances the outlay has been unprecedented.....At the Olympic Theatre Mr. Edwin Adams gives his unrivaled impersonation of *Rush Adams*, a play which has never failed to draw great houses, and which admits of superb scenic effects and most pathetic acting.....John E. Owens continues his career of success at Wood's Museum, playing nightly in Tom Taylor's comedy of "The Victims," and his own specialty of *Solon Shingle*, in which his inquiries after that "barl of applesass" draw shouts and screams of laughter.....At Niblo's "The Black Crook" is positively drawing to a close, and will be withdrawn at the end of next week. The favor of the public during its long run has never been withdrawn, and will certainly continue until it is taken off the boards. The delightful Vokes commence their engagement at this theatre Dec. 8, and will find the New-Yorkers as enamored of their performances as ever. Custom cannot stale their infinite variety.

BARNUM AT THE RINK.

The favorite showman of America has got back to his favorite place of exhibition. The Fair is over at the Rink, and Barnum has engaged it. Exit American Institute, enter P. T. Barnum. Thousands of delighted children, yes and parents, too, remember what a delightful circus the Rink was made last year in the hands of Mr. Barnum, how thoroughly it was warmed, how admirable were the arrangements of the museum and menagerie, how convenient and comfortable were the seats. The scenes in the circle at this fresh début of the great show are all new, and this season will witness a most dazzling display of equestrian, athletic, and acrobatic performances. All the leading artists in these specialties have been engaged without respect to cost, in the full confidence that the greater the outlay the greater the public favor. The fact is that Mr. Barnum cannot afford to give a bad entertainment. The Rink will hold eight thousand *persons*, and the full trust the veteran showman feels in the public appreciation enables him to accommodate the vast crowds that are sure to go, for fifty cents only. There will be a grand opening next Wednesday evening, Nov. 26, and on Thanksgiving Day there will be special attractions; all the larger animals will be fed on turkeys on that day. Such is the high moral tone which Mr. Barnum has diffused among his army of employes that ladies and children are as safe in his place as in their own drawing-rooms.

HOME NOTES.

Mr. Maurice Grau, with Signor Salvini and his full Italian dramatic troupe, were in town Saturday, and left in the evening for Boston, where Signor Salvini acts at the Boston Theatre to-night. The rumor current of an interruption of the Salvini season is unfounded. Mr. Grau, indeed, has entered into a fresh engagement, by which Signor Salvini's first hundred performances will be supplemented by eighty additional representations.....The Atlanta papers mention that the employes of Lent's Circus have attached all the wagons, stock and animals of the circus, and demand their wages before they will release them.....Miss Neilson was last week at the Olympic Theatre, in St. Louis.....Mr. F. S. Chanfrau was at De Bar's.....The Baltimore papers understand that a new theatre will shortly be opened at the Maryland Institute, in which case Baltimore will have five regular places of amusement of that kind open every night. The Maryland Institute enterprise is designed to meet the want in this regard created by the burning of the Holliday Street Theatre, which is being rebuilt. Mr. John A. Stevens, a Baltimorean, for some time a successful theatrical manager in the West, has secured the Institute hall, and is having the stage remodeled.....Miss Elise Holt is about to succeed Miss Lucille Western at the New-Orleans Academy of Music.....Miss Lotta was in her second and last week in Buffalo.....Mr. Maurice Grau's English Opera Troupe was at Macauley's Theatre, in Louisville.....Mme. Janauschek was at the Louisville Masonic Temple.....Mrs. D. P. Bowers was at the Memphis Theatre.....Mr. Dominick Murray was at Wall's Opera-house, in Washington.....The Washington Chronicle of Nov. 20, says: "The deed conveying the property formerly known as Ford's Theatre, in Tenth street, and now as the Army Medical Museum, to the United States Government, by John T. Ford and Edith B. Ford, his wife, was only filed yesterday in the Recorder's Office, although the conveyance was drawn and executed May 22, 1866, over seven years ago. The price paid, as named therein, is '$100,000 lawful money of the United States,' and the deed is quite brief, not covering over three pages of legal cap".....Miss Galton is singing in opera bouffe in San Francisco.....Mme. States and Signori Orlandini and Baccei are about to give Italian opera in California.....Mr. Shiel Barry is at the California Theatre.....M. Wieniawski played in Milwaukee on Friday.....Mrs. Chanfrau was at the Chicago Academy of Music.....Miss Charlotte Cushman was at McVicker's Theatre.....The Lydia Thompson Troupe was at Robinson's Opera-house in Cincinnati.....Mr. and Mrs. Florence were at the Boston Theatre.

JUSTICE.

From the Times of Yesterday.

New-York has long been taunted with its inability to bring the leaders of the Tammany gang to justice. It has been said, "You managed to turn them out of power at an election, but why have you never punished them?" And those who asked the question proceeded to answer it by saying that Tweed was very rich, and had many political friends, and would never come to any harm. Yesterday a memorable lesson was taught to such cavilers, as well as to all the Tweed faction, big and little. The "Boss" himself—the man whose word was law in the Democratic Party of this State; who "run" conventions, got Judges elected, and made them obey him afterward; who owned the Police and other officers of the law; who was rolling in wealth, and had an army of supporters at his back—this man was sentenced yesterday to twelve years' imprisonment. It is a warning which will be remembered for all time to come. It is a much greater triumph of right than that which was gained in 1871, when the people rose against the Tweed party at the polls. It will do more to give us good Government in this City, and put an end to thieving, and scare the rascals who infest public life, than all the electioneering victories ever won. A man may pretend to care for nothing—but to be sent to a felon's jail for twelve years is a fate which the most hardened of criminals cannot face without terror.

Tweed will undergo the sentence of the law; to the hands of justice he must now be remanded, and henceforth we shall have little to say about him. But it is important to remember that he was not the only guilty man; and now that justice has once more returned to the City, the accomplices of Tweed must be brought to punishment. It is an enormous boon to the community to have a Judge upon the Bench who is not afraid to do his duty—who cannot be turned aside from that duty by offers of higher place or power, and who can be inflexible in the administration of the law. Such a Judge is common enough in other countries, but in New-York City, at least, we have become unaccustomed to them. In Recorder Hackett and Judge Sutherland we have men who can never be deterred from doing their duty; but they belong to a class which seemed to have become almost extinct in this City. We shall not presume to compliment Judge Davis, but we are bound to say that his determination to be the true minister of the law, to be faithful to his oath, and to remember his solemn responsibilities, will in itself be almost sufficient to elevate Bar and Bench from the degraded state into which they sunk during the days of Barnard and Cardozo. It will do more to check crime of all kinds than the addition of a thousand men to the Police force. For rogues of all descriptions will begin to see that justice may be long deferred, and yet that it is sure to overtake them at last—that no amount of money, and no array of friends or eminent counsel, can save them. The example of Judge Davis must in this way prove of incalculable service to the people, and he will gain a place in history, not only in connection with a celebrated trial, but as a Judge who, in the midst of corruption and demoralization, recalled to men's minds, by his acts, the brightest days of the judicial Bench, when men were stern in the discharge of their duty, and when they would have died—as some of them have done—rather than sacrifice the principles and the interests they had pledged themselves to defend. That such a Judge should appear at such a time as this is one of the greatest pieces of good fortune that could have befallen the people. It will be seen by and by that weaker men than Judge Davis will be induced by his example to administer the law without fear or favor. And the extreme license taken at times by the Bar will be checked when eminent counselors are summoned to account for committing a contempt of court, as Judge Davis has summoned the counsel in the Tweed case. We may fairly hope that the long and disastrous reign of *no-law* in New-York is absolutely over.

The chief of the gang is in jail—now for the others. Let them receive the penalties of the law also, and we shall have no more Tweed gangs in New-York, even though the City stood for a thousand years to come.

WEST INDIES.

THREE GENERALS SHOT BY BAEZ—THE DOMINICAN PRESIDENCY—HAYTIAN AFFAIRS.

SAN DOMINGO CITY, San Domingo, Nov. 12.—Gen. Manzueta and three other generals have been shot by orders of President Baez. They were implicated in recent revolutionary movements. It is expected that six other officers of high rank, now in prison on similar charges, will soon be executed.

PUERTO PLATA, San Domingo, Nov. 8.—The election for President of the Republic of San Domingo will be held on the 1st of December. The leading candidates are President Baez, Señor Gonzales, the Governor of Puerto Plata, and Gen. Caceres. It is thought here that Baez will not obtain a re-election. The defeat at the elections of his personal government would bring about a complete change of policy in the Republic. A large number of political refugees would be recalled, and many reforms introduced in the Administration.

The revolutionists on the Haytian frontier are daily growing stronger. They have organized a provisional Government, with Luperon as President, and are preparing for a general advance. They claim that they are now strong enough to defend any force President Baez can put into the field.

JACMEL, Hayti, Nov. 9.—President Saget will retire from public life at the expiration of his present term of office in 1874, and take up his residence in St. Mark's, his native town, where he is building a splendid mansion.

Business is generally dull. The late hurricane having destroyed the farms, vegetables are very scarce. Flour is in good demand at $20 per barrel. Rice is quoted at ten cents per pound; coffee, sixteen cents per pound.

SAN JUAN DE PORTO RICO, Nov. 11.—Great preparations are making here to receive Señor Soler, the Minister of the Colonies.

NASSAU, N. P., Nov. 18.—Mr. Mahlon Chance, the United States Consul, returned to-day, and resumed the duties of his office.

VENEZUELA.

RESTORING THE FINANCES—ARREST OF SEVERAL GENERALS FOR CONSPIRACY.

LAGUAYRA, Nov. 6.—The country continues quiet. The Government is devoting all its efforts to restore finances and promote public works. The anniversary of the birth of Bolivar was celebrated at Caracas on the 28th ult. with great ceremony. The new aqueduct to supply the capital with water was inaugurated by the President, the Ministers, and the other chief officials of the city and State.

Gens. Jesus Maria Ariste, Miguel Antonio Rojas, Pedro Ramirez, and Jesus Maria Sosa, and Dr. Jose Gabriel Lugo have been arrested on charges of conspiring against President Blanco.

TRAVELING AGENTS AS PASSENGERS.

The Allentown (Penn.) *Chronicle* prints the following: "We were not aware that traveling agents formed so large a proportion of the passenger travel until, last night, an official of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company informed us that the sale of tickets at the Easton depot had fallen off by some $200 from what it was the week previous, this decrease being entirely due to the absence of salesmen, who have stopped traveling to a great extent. Twenty-five and thirty commercial travelers per day were not an unusual average of that class who purchased tickets at the Lehigh Valley Railroad depot. The falling off on other lines has been equally as great, and we do not realize, until we observe their absence, how important the drummers have become in this country to the general spirit and life of things."

WALL STREET TOPICS.

THE SPECULATION IN GOLD.

THE LOW PRICES OF GOOD SECURITIES—AN UPWARD MOVEMENT PROBABLE—BANKING AFFAIRS.

The probable complications with Spain, and the action of the Clearing-house Association upon the proposed regulations, so far seem likely to be the main points upon which stock and gold speculation for this week will hinge. It is generally conceded that war with Spain would have the effect of advancing the price of gold, but in the event of a peaceful solution of the difficulties there will be a considerable decline. The arguments which are brought to bear by the "bulls" in gold are that the Government must issue more money in order to meet the expenses incurred in fitting out a fleet, and in recruiting the land and naval forces. A large issue of greenbacks would advance the price of gold, by making the former more plentiful and furnish the funds to "carry" the latter, and take it out of the market. As yet gold speculation on the bull side is very hazardous, and is almost entirely kept alive by the uncertainty regarding governmental action in Cuban matters. The large quantities of gold continually arriving here from the other side will tend to keep the price down, even if war with Spain becomes an established fact. In the worst state of affairs it will not be possible to create such a difference between gold and greenbacks as existed during and since the war of the rebellion. While there seems to be no reason to look for any great advance in the price of gold, there are reasons why there should be a strong and substantial appreciation in most of our railroad bonds and stocks. The panic, and its consequences in the failure of large houses having railroad interests in charge, have forced down prices to a point far below where they should stand. Prices are lower than value, and their tendency must inevitably be upward. In September money became more stringent than was ever known, and terrible sacrifices were made to obtain it. Of course railroad and Government securities were forced upon the market as being the most available to realize upon. People having money to loan were more willing to lend upon railroad and Government obligations than upon the paper of individuals. But the stringency is nearly ended. The uses for which money was withdrawn from New-York have been to a great degree served, and the currency is now accumulating here in the vaults of the banks. There will be no need to sell out stocks and bonds at a sacrifice to raise money. Bank notes will seek securities for investment, instead of securities going out in large quantities to obtain money. When there is a strong buying interest, prices naturally advance; when the tendency is to sell they fall. That money is becoming easy is evident to the dullest observer in Wall street. The $15,000,000 which were held in the Sub-Treasury from the sales of gold at the beginning of the panic have been all put into circulation. Besides this, about $9,000,000 out of the $44,000,000 reserve have been used to defray the expenses of the Government. The import of gold from Europe for the past two months has been enormous. Thousands of manufacturing establishments in every part of the country have shut down, and the call for money to keep them in operation has ceased. Money is, therefore, becoming easy, and now that confidence in the banks is restored, it is rapidly being sent on to New-York from the interior. During the past week the banks show a gain of nearly $5,000,000.

The Wall street market, as yet, has not advanced at a pace commensurate with the improved state of the financial situation. One year ago Chicago and Rock Island, an eight per cent. stock, sold at 109⅜. Its price at present is 88½. Western Union Telegraph, one of the best properties in the country, stood at 76½, fifteen per cent. higher than the closing quotation of Saturday. When the panic began, it was selling at 90. The present price, too, is ruling with every probability of the declaration of a stock dividend, which, if made, will amount to twenty or twenty-five per cent. on the entire outstanding stock. Pacific Mail now sells at 28½, about one-third of the quotations of a year ago. North-western common, one of the most promising stocks on the lists of the Exchange, now sells at 43¼. The closing price on Nov. 23, 1872, was 165. This was in the time of the North-western "corner." Union Pacific is now fourteen per cent. lower than at the same period of last year. All stocks and bonds are much lower now, even with the development of resources and wealth which a year has brought about. They should, and undoubtedly will, be much higher, particularly as new railroad schemes, by the era of panic, have been deferred for an indefinite time.

PROPOSED REFORMS IN BANKING.

The proposed action of the Clearing-house Association excites discussion in banking and stock-broking circles everywhere. The fight so far seems to be between mercantile paper banks and those doing business for railroads, through the Wall street community. The feeling seems to be strongly against the passage of the rules in most quarters, and a very strong opposition has been developed, which bids fair to divide the banks, and result in the formation of another Clearing-house. The banks which are opposed to the proposed measure say that the Clearing-house was not organized to control the details of the business of the different bodies belonging to it, and that such action would be unwarranted, illegal, and of a damaging nature. The capital represented by the banks in favor of the new regulations is about $65,000,000. That controlled by the opposing institutions is about $50,000,000. The banks which have determined to keep out of the new system say that their stockholders when they went into banking enterprise took stock in separate institutions, and not in the fifty-nine of the associated banks. The first rule which the Committee of Nine present to the associated banks for adoption is as follows: "No bank shall pay or procure to be paid interest upon deposits." This is said to be a clear and unwarrantable interference with the individual rights of a national bank, and would tend to drive away capital from the City, and lessen the transactions of the bank, and the consequent profits to the stockholders. If a depositor averages $20,000 for a year, and the bank officers see fit to give three or four per cent. on this sum, thereby securing the use of the money by which they can themselves make three or four per cent., it is argued that it is not the business of any other bank to raise objections; if the bank fail, then its stockholders suffer, but it is not likely that a bank will pay interest unless it can afford to. If a bank is not managed well enough to take money on deposit, and give two or three per cent. for the use of the "average," most people, it is urged, will not only be unwilling, but afraid to deposit in it at all. The savings bank deposits will naturally be entirely withdrawn from national banks which now derive a large advantage from these sums, upon which they are willing to pay a low rate of interest. The second rule is that, "No checks shall be certified until the full amount is first deposited." This is looked upon by some as another interference with details in bank management, which will not only prove of no advantage, but a positive loss to a great part of the banks if it is adopted. The banks do not propose to keep each other from discounting a merchant's paper until they have a chattel mortgage on his goods, or have them piled up in the vault. They take his note with the proper indorsements because they believe in his honesty and ability to pay. What is the difference, it is asked, in the case of the stock broker? If the bank official believes that a broker's check is not good, and that he is tricky and dishonorable he will not certify it. The transactions in regard to notes and certified checks are much of the same nature. Credit is extended by the banks in both cases, and without wise and prudent management on the part of the Cashier or President, loss is certain to ensue in either over-certification or in discounting paper. It is for the bank officer to know his customer and his resources. All Clearing-house laws ever devised, would not save a bank from loss at the hands of faithless and incompetent officers. The third rule reads, that "checks upon Associated Banks only shall be received on deposit." This leaves a bank in the position of disobliging customers who wish checks upon other banks placed to their credit. The bank has every opportunity of knowing that the check presented is perfectly good, and that the customer will protect it from loss, yet "red tapeism" forces the bank to disoblige the applicant, and perhaps lose a paying account. Precisely why one bank should not receive checks upon places outside of New-York City and fix its rates of discount to suit its own convenience and that of its customers, is not known. In the fourth rule, the Clearing-house Committee propose to take care of that detail of banking business, and regulate the rate of discount. The remaining rules are of no special interest to the banking community, nor to the public. In the first four the details of the banking business are pretty thoroughly taken care of by the Clearing-house Association, and it is not very clear what is left for the President, Directors, and Cashier of each bank to do except to mind orders from the Associated Banks. Altogether it is regarded by a large section of the banking community as an attempt to consolidate the banks, and this cannot very well be done legally without the consent of all the stockholders.

HEAVY SUIT AGAINST DANIEL DREW.

Biedeman & Co. have commenced a suit against Daniel Drew for $180,000 on account of bad faith, as they allege, in his dealings with them, and in connection with Bischoffsheim. They allege that Mr. Drew agreed to help them take care of Canton stock and maintain the price. Instead of doing so he unloaded his stock on the market, to their great inconvenience and loss. The papers were filed on Saturday.

THE COAL-MINING REGIONS.

EFFECTS OF THE RECENT FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES AT SCRANTON—BUSINESS RECOVERING FROM ITS FORMER DEPRESSION.

From Our Own Correspondent.

SCRANTON, Penn., Saturday, Nov. 22, 1873.

Although, to some extent, there exists here a feeling of uneasiness and anxiety with regard to the future, the financial difficulties which have been felt with such force in other parts of the State have not had any very serious effect on the business community in this vicinity. It is true, there has been considerable difficulty experienced in carrying out operations of a financial character, which has naturally reacted upon all other affairs; but for all that business generally has maintained, through the trying times of the past six weeks, a healthier tone than was expected. Here, as at Wilkesbarre, the principal interest is centred in coal-mining, which gives employment and support to the greater part of the population of the city. The mines have been and are still kept open, although the product has been considerably reduced by a curtailment of the working hours. It was deemed better, in the interests of all operators, miners, and laborers, to adopt this reduction of time, and consequently the amount to be paid for wages, than to suspend the workings altogether. The men, generally, have cheerfully accepted the situation, and deem themselves fortunate in having any work to do, while they hear of the thousands out of employment in other parts of the country. Among the operators the belief appears to be pretty general that the worst trouble has been seen, and that from now matters will begin to improve. They say that although their business has been greatly affected by the stoppage of so many iron furnaces and mills, yet the demand for anthracite coal in the larger cities must continue through the Winter. By this means it is anticipated that the miners can be kept in employment through the Winter months. It is also argued that the demand must be kept up, as the quantities now held in the large cities and towns are smaller than ever was known to be the case in previous years at this season. There also appears to be an opinion gaining ground that the iron-masters will resume operations very shortly, which will bring them also into the coal market as large buyers. There is generally a more hopeful feeling creeping over all in any way connected with business in this region, which greatly tends toward bringing about increased confidence. The banks, too, are said to be manifesting considerable more disposition than was the case even a week ago to assist their customers, and discounts are to-day obtained with more ease, although rates remain about the same. This action on their part has been brought about, it is said, by the increased feeling of security exhibited by the people, who are once more beginning to place their money in the banks. There is unquestionably a large amount of business done by all the banking houses in the shape of renewals, but even these are granted with more cheerfulness than they were a few days since. Business men are still complaining that collections are made with difficulty; they say, however, that their smaller customers are paying their accounts with more promptness than was anticipated. The fitting out and commissioning of the numerous ironclads and other steam-ships belonging to the navy is looked upon as another favorable omen for the coal trade. The signs that the railway companies will very soon be giving orders for all kinds of supplies are, it is generally thought, daily increasing, and as soon as such orders come in many of the iron works which are now idle will again be started in full life. Even now the iron trade along the Lehigh Valley, which probably suffered as badly as any from the panic, shows signs of improvement, for some two or three of the large works which were closed up entirely are now making preparations to set their fires going again, and their managers announce their intention of recommencing operations next week. The class which appears to be suffering the most from existing circumstances are undoubtedly the retail store-keepers; their business has fallen off most materially, and, in fact, they are doing scarcely anything. They, in turn, are buying no goods, and in place of paying their accounts in cash, they are giving their notes at thirty and sixty days, with the understanding that, should they be unable to meet them at maturity, they are to be renewed. They do not look for any improvement before the turn of the year, being convinced that at the present time the people are economizing in every possible form.

At the mines in this neighborhood the only casualties that have taken place have been of men who were engaged in sinking new shafts and opening up prospective openings and seams. This work there is now no disposition to push until there is a better condition of affairs. A number of carpenters, mechanics, and laborers are thus thrown out of work, but the proportion to the total number of men employed is very small. The men at most of the collieries are paid in cash, although in one or two instances only one-half money is paid, credit being given to the men at the stores for the balance. Among the iron foundries, machine shops, and rolling mills wages have been generally reduced ten to twelve per cent., and the corps of men brought down to the lowest possible minimum. The masters are complaining of their inability to procure payment of their accounts, but appear to think that business will soon improve, as they are now receiving a few small orders.

The employes of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Company have so far been made to feel the pressure of the times by having a reduction made in their wages. Conductors have been reduced $5 per month, brakesmen 15 cents per day, engineers $5, and firemen $3 per month. The hands working in the car-shops, locomotive works, and, in fact, in all the shops of the company, have also been reduced in wages about twelve per cent., and in hours to nine.

AN INDIAN WITCH STONED TO DEATH.

The San Diego (Cal.) *Union* of Nov. 11 says: "At sunset on the evening of Oct. 31, As-sup-pee-ah-wy-pah, an aged witch, was stoned to death a short distance beyond Smith's Ranch, in Pine Nut Valley, in the State of Nevada. This woman, who was between forty and fifty years of age, and who leaves a husband and many descendants in the tribe, was accused of having caused the death of many of her relatives and others by witchcraft. No one could dream of her but what sickness and death were the speedy results. Her son-in-law died from the effects of such a dream some five years since, and but for the earnest entreaties of Johnson Sides and others at the time, she would have been hurled from the top of a lofty cliff. A year ago a young niece of Sam Nappio, of Genoa, died from the witchcraft of this old woman, and she would have been dispatched by that distinguished warrior at the time, but that she sought safety in flight. Another Indian died at Pyramid Lake from her fatal influence, and an attempt was made to capture and kill her, but she eluded the pursuit of the enraged warriors. The matter was taken up and discussed in the grand council in Pine Nut Valley, and the result was the appointment of a large detail to stone her to death, which was done the same day, the unfortunate old woman being placed in the centre of a large ring formed by the detail, armed with stones. She was beaten to a pulp and left unburied. At first her husband felt somewhat outraged, and threatened to 'clean out the whole tribe,' but on being told all the circumstances, and it being intimated to him that 'he'd better let that job out,' he cooled down and joined with the other relatives of the deceased in expressing satisfaction with the killing, all of them saying that it ought to have been done long ago."

WASHINGTON.

PROSPECTS FOR INCREASED TAXATION.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—There are some indications that attempts will be made to secure additional revenue from taxation. Among the subjects suggested for taxation are tea and coffee, and for increase are distilled spirits and tobacco. The restoration of the tax upon tea and coffee would increase the revenue about $18,000,000. It is urged in this connection that coffee is higher to-day than it was when it was placed upon the free list, a result it is claimed which is due to the enhanced export duty levied by the Cuban authorities. An increase of ten cents per gallon upon distilled spirits, and of four cents per pound upon tobacco, would yield an additional revenue of about $7,000,000. It is believed by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue that the increase of taxation upon these two articles would not make the total tax so great as to increase the inducement for frauds. The duty upon tea and coffee, and of the increased taxes upon distilled spirits and tobacco, would yield about $31,000,000 of additional revenue.

FINANCIAL CONDITION.

With respect to the statement printed in the New-York *Tribune* as a dispatch from here, that the financial condition of the Government continues daily to grow worse, and that the Treasury is practically bankrupt, it may be stated the Treasury Department has to-day a reserve of $39,000,000 in legal tenders, and $60,000,000 in gold. The actual amount of legal-tender notes outstanding on Saturday, Nov. 22, was $364,772,231, which includes $3,000,000 in cash in the Treasury. Deducting from this sum the $356,000,000 of minimum legal tender circulation, it will appear that up to Saturday last there had been issued from the $44,000,000 legal tender reserves only $5,000,000. This leaves a balance of $39,000,000 of legal tenders available from the maximum circulation of $400,000,000. There were besides in the vaults of the Treasury, $80,000,000 gold. The only gold which the Treasury will need to use between this date and Jan. 1 will be $26,000,000 to pay the January interest on the public debt. The $5,000,000 of called bonds which are to be redeemed before Jan. 1 have already been subscribed for in bonds of the new loan, and no money will be taken from the Treasury for their redemption.

POSTAL TELEGRAPH.

Mr. William Orton, President of the Western Union Telegraph Company, after having examined that portion of the report of the Postmaster General which relates to postal telegraphy, states that he is prepared to prove, when required, that the average cost of dispatches in this country is less than in Europe. The Western Union has had two experts in Europe the entire Summer gathering the latest information upon the subject, preparatory to action by Congress.

THE NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILROAD.

The Government Directors appointed to examine and report upon the completed portion of the Northern Pacific Railroad are expected to submit their report to-morrow. It is stated that they recommend the acceptance by the Government of the section which they examined.

PUBLIC DOCUMENTS AND OFFICIAL REPORTS.

Large quantities of public documents ordered by the last Congress await the disposal of members. Since the abolition of the franking privilege a comparatively small number of the books printed have been used, and the Government Printing Office, for this reason, has not at all times been working on full time since July 1st. It is expected, however, that all the official reports ordered will be completed for the opening of Congress.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

The President is represented as saying that he had written the portion of his Message having reference to the finances, but that he had not read it to any Member of his Cabinet.

DEATH OF A YOUNG INDIAN GIRL.

Miss Minnie Tappen, an Indian girl, sixteen years of age, a survivor of the Chivington massacre in Wyoming, some years since, died this morning at Howard University. After that massacre she was adopted into the family of Special Commissioner S. F. Tappen, and subsequently the Government provided for her education. She had made rapid progress, and was very bright.

Dispatch to the Associated Press.

THE RIGHTS OF PRE-EMPTORS.

An erroneous impression is prevalent in some parts of the country that under the late rulings of the Interior Department all inchoate pre-emption rights are assignable. This is a serious error. Careful inquiry shows that the rulings and practice of the department are as follows: In accordance with the decision of the United States Supreme Court in the case of "Myers vs. Croft," it is held that in cases where no inhibition or assignment is contained in a statute giving special pre-emption rights, (such as the act of July 23, 1866, authorizing pre-emption entries by bona-fide purchasers under rejected Mexican grants) the right of pre-emption is assignable or inheritable. But in cases arising under the General Pre-emption law, which *does* contain such an inhibition, no right of assignment exists or can be recognized prior to entry. It is desirable, however, that the public should understand (what seems to be little known) that the practice of the department under Commissioner Wilson and his predecessors has been modified in a very important particular, namely, so as to now hold that *after* an entry has been perfected under the general Pre-emption laws, the duplicate receipt may be assigned, and a patent will be issued to the assignee.

SERGEANT AT ARMS AND POSTMASTER OF THE HOUSE.

Col. D. W. Munn, of Illinois, a prominent candidate for Sergeant at Arms of the House, is now in Washington. He is at present Internal Revenue Supervisor for the States of Illinois, Wisconsin, and Michigan. Col. A. H. Markland, General Agent for the Post Office Department for the Western States, is also here as a candidate for Sergeant at Arms. There are several others, including J. W. Dwyer, and the present incumbent, Mr. Ordway, all striving to the same end. The candidates for Postmaster of the House are equally numerous. There seems to be no doubt of the re-election of the Speaker, Clerk, and Doorkeeper without opposition; at least no opposition candidates have yet been named.

MEMBERS ARRIVING.

Members of Congress continue to arrive; there are probably twenty or thirty of them now here. Prices for board show no abatement, but in some cases an increase over those of the former session.

THE REPORT OF THE CONTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY.

The report of the Controller of the Currency will not be ready till the meeting of Congress, on account of the non-receipt of the special reports of Oct. 13 and Nov. 1. In order to make abstracts of these reports as fast as received, the clerical force of the office has been ordered to work after office hours and in the evenings.

DECREASED EXPORTS FROM GREAT BRITAIN TO THE UNITED STATES.

The Chief of the Bureau of Statistics furnishes the following information. The exports of the following articles from Great Britain to the United States in the ten months ending October, 1873, as compared with the same period in 1872, were:

Principal Articles.	Ten months ended Oct. 31, 1872.	Ten months ended Oct. 31, 1873.
Cotton Manufactures—Piece goods	$3,948,514	$2,496,973
Earthen and china ware	$659,005	$595,553
Haberdashery	$1,257,016	$1,193,287
Hardware and cutlery	$788,523	$685,044
Iron, pig, tons	175,816	96,395
Iron, bar, bolt, and rod, tons	58,174	22,223
Iron, railroad, tons	410,010	160,036
Iron, hoop, sheet, and boiler, tons	27,592	17,430
Tin plates, tons	78,833	76,415
Steel, tons	19,516	18,504
Lead, tons	7,023	2,625
Linen piece goods	$3,921,770	$2,976,061
Silks	$142,034	$72,100
Ribbons	$58,446	$49,645
Mixed goods	$182,133	$73,759
Spirits, gallons	149,034	144,186
Wool, pounds	1,773,251	730,461
Woolens	$1,185,907	$1,084,178
Worsted stuffs	$3,891,575	$3,677,309
Carpets	$1,130,632	$760,295

THE RECENT RHODE ISLAND TRAGEDY.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Nov. 23.—The Coroner's Jury in the case of Mary Bose, who was killed by her lover on Thursday night, returned a verdict, last night, of deliberate murder against Fritz Poehler, who fatally wounded himself with some weapon with which he killed the girl. The funeral of the girl took place this afternoon at the German Lutheran Church, and was attended by a very large con-

course of people. Poehler was also buried this afternoon under the direction of a committee of the German Turners' Society, of which he was a member.

THE LETTER OF A BANK OFFICER.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

Though averse to newspaper controversy, which is rarely profitable, I ask space to answer briefly the arguments of a "Bank Officer," in your columns of Saturday last.

That gold is not worth more than par as compared with all other values, is generally admitted, and universal experience has shown that when worth no more than par, it passes from hand to hand. It is true that when the amount is limited, speculators may lock up, and obtain a premium for it. Thus, of late, the possibility of a war with Spain, and of a further greenback issue by the Government, has stopped the downward movement and again given an artificial value to gold. When these clouds disappear gold will again fall. The foreign demand for our produce has not yet ceased, and the cotton crop has hardly been touched, while there are indications that the importations will be greatly restricted.

The law of demand and supply to which "Bank Officer" refers, but which he entirely disregards in his argument, must settle the price of gold, and as there is no demand for coin from the public for any purposes except duties, and the supply increases daily, there must be a fall. The banks are chiefly responsible for retarding this fall by the false and improper practice of lending upon gold, thereby increasing the discredit of their own issues. "Bank Officer" says that "unless compulsorily so kept at par (that is, by Government resumption) gold will never be freely circulated by the people."

That gold will float without compulsion when at par is shown by the fact that in France it does now so float, though at a slight premium. When the paper-circulating medium is not large enough for the daily transactions of life, the coin hoarded must come out—man will not go hungry or naked while he has a dollar in his pocket, even if that dollar happen to be gold. Whether the circulating medium is too large or not is a matter only to be settled by experiment. Certainly the withdrawal of greenbacks and their redemption by the Government will not make it any larger.

The demand for money is still active at the West, and the South will soon be urgent in its calls to move the cotton. Meanwhile Great Britain shows that she has no disposition to withhold coin, but, on the contrary, prefers to aid in the importation of produce and cotton by lowering the rate of discount.

"Knickerbocker" has never proposed any other legislation than the authority or instruction of Congress to the Secretary of the Treasury to *begin the redemption of greenbacks*, believing that as the paper is withdrawn gold will come out to take its place. This involves the repeal of the resolution of the 22d January, 1868, "suspending any further contraction."

The proposition of "Bank Officer" are, first, that "the Government should declare and resume specie payments." "Knickerbocker" proposes that it shall make no declaration whatever, but that it proceed to redeem its greenback issues just so far as it can be done without affecting values. If gold be at par no values can be affected; but there is a vast difference between this gradual restoration of coin to our circulating medium and the *declaration* of the Government that it will henceforth and in all cases pay coin for its notes. The very fact of its inability would precipitate the run for coin. The experience of "Bank Officer" must have taught him this. No doubt it would be convenient for all the bank officers that Government should resume first. It was their highest ambition in 1861 to "hold out as long as the Government," though their courage did not hold out, and they stopped specie payment still owing the Government some $8,000,000 of the $150,000,000 loan which they had promised to make, and with quite specie enough with which to keep their engagement.

"Bank Officer" proposes, secondly, that the Government shall prevent the inflation which would arise by the monetising of gold by the sale of bonds for greenbacks. What bonds has the Government for sale? Surely, none. Is it worth while to make a new debt to pay the old one? Why not retire the

THE REAL ESTATE MARKET.

At the Exchange on Saturday, Nov. 22, by order of the Court of Common Pleas, in foreclosure, under the direction of Richard M. Henry, Esq., Referee, Nicholas R. Comer sold a three-story and basement brown-stone front house, with lot 16.4 by 102.2, situate on East Eightieth street, south side, 165.10 feet east of Fourth avenue, for $7,000 over and above mortgage incumbrances amounting, with interest, to $17,438, making the total price realized $24,438. The purchaser was Herman L. Schaffer, plaintiff in the legal action. No other business in real estate was transacted.

LAST WEEK'S BUSINESS.

The market during the past week has given signs of a little more life, for, at the public sales, although all of a legal nature, effected each day at the Exchange, the attendance has been better than of late, and bidding has been more active. The property sold has in most instances, however, brought low figures—in fact a good deal lower than the same realty would have brought if offered six months ago. The total value of City real estate disposed of at the Exchange for the week ending with Saturday, Nov. 22, amounts to $562,900—the largest business transacted in the auction line for three months past. The corresponding figures for last week, ending with Saturday, Nov. 15, were $365,810. There is a better feeling, also, on the street, with an increased inquiry for lots, and a good deal of business could be done at private contract if owners were inclined to make more concessions as to values. Some sales have, however, been effected, and, in addition to those reported during the week, Wm. R. Rayner reports having sold a plot of four full lots, two on West Fifty-eighth street, north side, and two on West Fifty-ninth street, south side, 75 feet west of Fifth avenue, for $140,000 cash. From this time forward, although prices generally will fail to some extent, unless something unforeseen occurs, we look for an increased business in real estate, and a better state of affairs than has marked the market since the beginning of the Fall season.

THIS WEEK'S PROPOSED AUCTIONS.

The sales of the present week are all but one of a legal character, and with one or two exceptions of no special importance. This being Thanksgiving week business is thereby somewhat interrupted. All the auctions noticed, unless otherwise stated, will be held at the Exchange, and the following is a list of the transactions in detail:

To-day, Monday, Nov. 24.

By A. J. Bleecker, Son & Co., Supreme Court foreclosure sale, John N. Lewis, Esq., Referee, of the three-story brick house with lot, 25 by 100, No. 212 Thompson street, east side, 150 feet north of Bleecker street.

Tuesday, Nov. 25.

By James M. Miller, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, Alex. Wm. M. Leonard, Referee, of a house, with lot 18.9 by 100.5, on East Sixty-second street, south side, 93.9 feet east of Fourth avenue. Also, similar sale, N. Jarvis, Jr., Esq., Referee, of the four-story Mansard roof iron bank building, with lot 25 by 100, on Broadway, south-west corner of South Fifth avenue.

By Joseph McGuire, Supreme Court foreclosure sale; M. C. Waldheimer, Esq., Referee; of a four-story and basement high-stoop brown-stone front house, with lot 25 by 90.9, on East Thirtieth street, north side, 175 feet west of First avenue.

By A. J. Bleecker, Son & Co., public auction sale of the leasehold premises No. 129 East Eleventh street, south side, 75 feet east of Fourth avenue, embracing a lot 25 by 100, with a two-story and basement Mansard-roof brick house upon the front thereof, and brick building in rear. Term of lease, ten years from May 1, 1874, with renewal for twenty-one years. Ground rent $175 per annum; premises now rent for $1,400 per year.

Wednesday, Nov. 26.

By Richard V. Harnett, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, Thomas H. Lanahan, Esq., Referee, of a house with lot 25 by 100, on Third avenue, west side, 87.1 feet south of One hundred and Sixteenth street.

By James M. Miller, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, Wm. S. Kelley, Esq., Referee, of the house with lot, 21.10 by 39.9, No. 75 West Twenty-sixth street, north side, 363.7 feet west of Sixth avenue. Also, similar sale, R. C. Benedict, Esq., Referee, of a house with lot 17 by 100.5, on West Fifty-fifth street, south side, 425 feet west of Eighth avenue.

Friday, Nov. 28.

By James M. Miller, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, under three several decrees, R. C. Benedict, Esq., Referee, of the following property: One house, with lot, 25 by 100.5, on West Fifty-ninth street, south side, 175 feet west of Seventh avenue; one house with lot, 17.10 by 99.11, on West One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street, north side, 213.7 feet west of Fifth avenue; and four lots, together forming a plot fronting 100 by 102.2, on East Eighty-sixth street, south-west corner of Second avenue. Also, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, N. Jarvis, Jr., Esq., Referee, of one lot, 25 by 100.5, on east Fifty-eighth street, north side, and one lot, same size, adjoining above in rear on East Fifty-ninth street, south side, 125 feet east of Fifth avenue.

By Richard V. Harnett, Supreme Court partition sale, Samuel A. Reed, Esq., Referee, of the following extensive list of valuable City real estate: Ten three-story brick houses with stores, with lots, on First avenue, west side, taking in the block from between Fortieth and Forty-first streets; ten three-story high-stoop brown-stone-front houses, with lots, each 19.9 by 90, on Prospect place, east side, between Forty-sixth and Forty-first streets, in rear of the stores above described; seven three-story high-stoop brown-stone-front houses, with lots, each 19.9 by 75.6, on Prospect place, west side, commencing on the north-west corner of Fortieth street, opposite above; and six three-story high-stoop brown-stone-front houses, with lots, each 17 by 75, on East Forty-first street, south-west corner of Prospect place. This auction is the most important announced for the week.

By Joseph McGuire, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, F. C. White, Esq., Referee, of a four-story high-stoop brown-stone-front house, with lot, 21.7 by 100.5, on west Fifty-seventh street, north side, 93 feet west of Ninth avenue. Also, similar sale, H. C. Benedict, Esq., Referee, of a house with lot, 16.8 by 100.11, on East One Hundred and Twenty-second street, south side, 308.4 feet west of Avenue A.

Saturday, Nov. 29.

By A. J. Bleecker, Son & Co., Supreme Court foreclosure sale, L. A. Fuller, Esq., Referee, of five houses and lots on Mercer street, east side, 25 feet south of Bleecker street, the first lot being in size 25 by 100, and the other four lots each 20 by 85. Also, similar sale, Philo B. Ruggles, Esq., Referee, of a house and lot on Fifth avenue, north-west corner, 25 feet west of Eleventh avenue, lot 25 by 131.5 by 25 by 126.6. Also, similar sale, Thomas L. Ogden, Esq., Referee, of the three-story frame house, with lot 25 by 87.6, No. 124 Broome street, north side, 84 feet east of Pitt street.

By Richard V. Harnett, Esq., Referee, foreclosure sale, by order of the Court of Common Pleas, Wm. A. Notley, Esq., Referee, of a house, with lot 25 by 102.2, on East Seventy-sixth street, north side, 105 feet east of Third avenue. Also, similar sale, same Referee, of a house, with lot 18 by 100.9, on East One Hundred and Fifth street, south side, 93 feet east of Third avenue. Also, similar sale, L. E. Kellogg, Esq., Referee, of a house, with lot 16.8 by 99.11, on West One Hundred and Thirty-second street, south side, 240 feet east of Sixth avenue.

By Jere. Johnson, Jr., Supreme Court foreclosure sale, under three several decrees, R. C. Benedict, Esq., Referee, of the following property: One house, with lot, 25 by 100.5, on West Fifty-ninth street, south side, 175 feet west of Seventh avenue; one house with lot, 17.10 by 99.11, on West One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street, north side, 213.7 feet west of Fifth avenue; and four lots, together forming a plot fronting 100 by 102.2, on East Eighty-sixth street, south-west corner of Second avenue. Also, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, N. Jarvis, Jr., Esq., Referee, of one lot, 25 by 100.5, on east Fifty-eighth street, north side, and one lot, same size, adjoining above in rear on East Fifty-ninth street, south side, 125 feet east of Fifth avenue.

By Richard V. Harnett, Supreme Court partition sale, Samuel A. Reed, Esq., Referee, of the following extensive list of valuable City real estate: Ten three-story brick houses with stores, with lots, on First avenue, west side, taking in the block from between Fortieth and Forty-first streets; ten three-story high-stoop brown-stone-front houses, with lots, each 19.9 by 90, on Prospect place, east side, between Forty-sixth and Forty-first streets, in rear of the stores above described; seven three-story high-stoop brown-stone-front houses, with lots, each 19.9 by 75.6, on Prospect place, west side, commencing on the north-west corner of Fortieth street, opposite above; and six three-story high-stoop brown-stone-front houses, with lots, each 17 by 75, on East Forty-first street, south-west corner of Prospect place. This auction is the most important announced for the week.

By Joseph McGuire, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, F. C. White, Esq., Referee, of a four-story high-stoop brown-stone-front house, with lot, 21.7 by 100.5, on west Fifty-seventh street, north side, 93 feet west of Ninth avenue. Also, similar sale, H. C. Benedict, Esq., Referee, of a house with lot, 16.8 by 100.11, on East One Hundred and Twenty-second street, south side, 308.4 feet west of Avenue A.

Saturday, Nov. 29.

By A. J. Bleecker, Son & Co., Supreme Court foreclosure sale, L. A. Fuller, Esq., Referee, of five houses and lots on Mercer street, east side, 25 feet south of Bleecker street, the first lot being in size 25 by 100, and the other four lots each 20 by 85. Also, similar sale, Philo B. Ruggles, Esq., Referee, of a house and lot on Fifth avenue, north-west corner, 25 feet west of Eleventh avenue, lot 25 by 131.5 by 25 by 126.6. Also, similar sale, Thomas L. Ogden, Esq., Referee, of the three-story frame house, with lot 25 by 87.6, No. 124 Broome street, north side, 84 feet east of Pitt street.

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By Jere. Johnson, Jr., Supreme Court foreclosure sale, ——, Referee, of a house, with lot 25 by 90, on West Fifty-eighth street, south side, 300 feet west of Sixth avenue.

By James M. Miller, at the Court-house in White Plains, Westchester County, at 12 M., Supreme Court foreclosure sale, James M. Miller, Esq., Referee, of a house, with lot 22 by 100, located at Mamaroneck, in the county named, and situated on Willis avenue, east side, 105 feet north of One Hundred and Forty-sixth street.

EXCHANGE SALES, SATURDAY, NOV. 22.

NEW-YORK.

By Nicholas R. Comer.

4 2-story and basement brown-stone-front house and lot, East 80th st., s. s., 165.10 ft. e. of 4th av., lot 18.4x102.2 ..... $14,450

RECORDED REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

NEW-YORK.

Thursday, Nov. 20.

Broome st., No. 213, s. s., 93 ft. w. of Norfolk st., 25x75 ..... $30,000

Liberty st., n. s., 85 ft. w. of Rutgers st., 21x87.6

Liberty st., n. s., 64 ft. w. of Rutgers st., 21x90.1 36,000

Broadway, e. s., No. 55, 28.2x85.10; Broadway, s. e. corner of 59th st., thence s. along Broadway 50.5; still s. along Broadway, 67.1x e., 114.8x n., 100.5 ft. to 59th st., s. w. 114.10; 11th av., e. s., extending from 129th to 130th sts. 430.10x100; 10th av., e. s., equit. dist., 215th and 216th sts.; thence e. 200x s., 150 ft. to centre line, 210th st. x w. 250 ft. to centre 10th av., x n. 154x e. to beginning, 1-4 part; 10th av., corner line, e. s., extending from centre line of 214th st., to centre line of 215th st., 200x250; 10th av., s. w. w. corner of 215th st., centre lines; thence w. 154x n. 280 to centre line, 210x e. to land of Isaac Dyckman, x again e. to centre line of 10th av., x s. along 10th av. to beginning; 3 2-12th sts., e. s., centre line, 150 ft. w. of 9th av., 150x100; 213th st., s. s., centre line, 100 ft. w. of 9th av., 150x130; intersection n. w. s. Harlem River and centre line 214th st., thence w. along street line to a point 350 ft. w. of 9th av., x s. 130 ft., x w. 150 ft., x s. 150 ft., to centre line 213th st., x s. 150 ft., to 200 ft. to centre line 212th st., x e. to Harlem River to beginning; intersection n. e. s. Harlem River and centre line 211th st., thence w. along street to a point 150 ft. w. of 9th av., x s. to land of Isaac Dyckman, x e. to Harlem River, x n. to beginning, with water privilege in front of river property; intersection centre line 211th st. and original high-water line, Harlem River; thence s. to centre line 210th st., x thence 150 ft. to exterior bulk-head line, x n. 521.4 ft. to centre 214th st., x e. 140 ft. to beginning, 1-6 part; intersection centre line 211th st. and original high-water line, Harlem River; thence e. 138.6 ft. to exterior bulk-head line, x s. 1230 ft., x e. 307 ft., x n. to point beginning, 1-6 part; excepting from above-named land designated as streets; 46th st., e. s., 372 ft. w. of 6th av., 22x100.4, 1-6 part 100,000

46th st., n. s., 266 ft. w. of 7th av., 16.8x98.9 17,000

46th st., n. s., 282 ft. w. of 8th av., 20x98.9 18,000

Hart st., n. s., 362 ft. w. of 8th av., 21x98.9 23,000

165th st., s. s., 75 ft. w. of 5th av., wid. 50x100.5 140,000

165th st., s. s., 75 ft. w. of 5th av., wid. 50x100.5

Lexington av., e. s., 290 ft. e. of 10th av., 122x100.5

Lexington av., e. s., 225 ft. e. of 10th av., 375x100; 10th av., s. e. corner 62d st., 100.5x $8,000

Lexington av., e. s., 158.4 ft. e. of 10th av., 34.4x

62d st., n. s., 350 ft. e. of 2d av., 20x100.11 4,000

62d st., n. s., 370 ft. e. of 2d av., 20x100.11

Madison av., e. s., 125 ft. s. of 67th av., wid. 25x

67th st., n. s., 125 ft. w. of 7th av., wid. 25x 2,700

CITY REAL ESTATE.

HOUSE FOR SALE.

ENGLISH BASEMENT BROWN-STONE HOUSE, 21.6.8 FEET FRONT, IN 38TH ST., NEAR 7TH AV., FOR SALE CHEAP, IN CLOSING GAS-FIXTURES, MIRRORS AND GRATES. FRESCOED AND VARNISHED, AND IN THE MOST PERFECT ORDER. APPLY TO CRUICKSHANK'S REAL ESTATE OFFICE, 44TH ST. AND 7TH AV.

EXCELLENT BUILDING LOTS FOR SALE in Orange, N. J., near Prospect-st.; neighborhood first-class; convenient to depot. Apply to ROBERT APPLETON, Jr., & CO., Woolens, No. 51 Lispenard-st., New-York.

FOR SALE—FIRST-CLASS LIVERY STABLE IN 22D st., near 10th av.; terms very easy.

W. N. GRISWOLD,
No. 744 Broadway, Astor place.

COUNTRY REAL ESTATE.

ORANGE, N. J.—COUNTRY HOUSES, LANDS and village lots for sale; a great variety. Also, furnished and unfurnished houses to let for season or year, by WALTER E. SMITH, formerly Bischoff & Smith, Grange, corner Main and Cone sts.

DWELLINGS TO LET.

A PERFECT GEM OF A HOUSE TO RENT on Gramercy Park, for the Winter or longer, newly furnished; glass, china, linen, &c.; rent very moderate.
OGDEN & CLARK,
Broadway and 17th st.

A LARGE UNFURNISHED HOUSE TO rent on North Washington square, near 5th av.; 28.6x100, with large stable in rear; moderate rent.
OGDEN & CLARK,
Broadway and 17th st.

TO LET.—FIRST-CLASS FURNISHED HOUSE, NO. 34 East 10th st., near Broadway; all the modern improvements and in perfect order.
W. N. GRISWOLD,
No. 744 Broadway, Astor place.

TO LET—FURNISHED OR UNFURNISHED, NO. 13 Clinton place, (8th st.)
W. N. GRISWOLD,
No. 744 Broadway, Astor place.

TO LET—FIRST-CLASS HOUSE IN WASHINGTON place, near Mercer st.
W. N. GRISWOLD,
744 Broadway, Astor place.

TO LET FURNISHED—BROWN-STONE FRONT house, Columbia Heights, Brooklyn; fine view of the river. Address Post Office Box No. 1,339.

STORES, &C., TO LET.

OFFICES TO LET
IN
TIMES BUILDING.
SPLENDID OFFICES TO LET IN THE FIRE-PROOF TIMES BUILDING,
Apply at TIMES COUNTING-ROOM.

BROADWAY PROPERTY TO LEASE.—SOUTH-west corner of Houston st., plot 50x100; would be leased for improvement for twenty-one years, with renewals. Apply to HORACE S. ELY,
No. 22 Pine st.

TO LET—FIRST-CLASS OFFICES AND STUDIOS in the building No. 744 Broadway, corner of Astor place.
W. N. GRISWOLD,
No. 744 Broadway, Astor place.

TO LET—LOFTS WITH STEAM POWER IN FIRST-class buildings, Nos. 9, 11 and 13 Baxter st.
W. N. GRISWOLD,
744 Broadway, Astor place.

TO LET—SECOND FLOOR, NO. 763 BROADWAY, with elegant show window.
W. N. GRISWOLD,
No. 744 Broadway, Astor place.

FIRST FLOOR OF NO. 42 UNIVERSITY place to let for business.
W. N. GRISWOLD,
No. 744 Broadway, Astor place.

TO LET.—FIRST FLOOR, WITH STORE FRONT No. 11 Clinton place, (8th st.)
W. N. GRISWOLD,
No. 744 Broadway, Astor place.

REAL ESTATE WANTED.

REAL ESTATE WANTED.—THE SOCIETY OF the New-York Hospital hereby invites proposals of land for the erection thereon by said society of hospital buildings. The land offered must be located between Chambers and 23d sts., Broadway and the North River; must be of dimensions equal to not less than fourteen nor more than thirty-two full-sized City lots; possession to be given May 1, 1874. Proposals must state price, and be inclosed in an envelope directed thus: "The Society of the New-York Hospital, No. 15 West 11th st., New-York City," and be sent in on or before the 15th December next.

A FARM WANTED—OF ABOUT 150 ACRES, within two hours, by rail, of New-York City; must be good pasture-land, fit for raising stock, and have sufficient level ground—say twenty-five acres—which to make an exercising track; a costly or fashionable place, with fine residence, not needed. Address CASH, Box No. 3,452 New-York Post Office.

FINANCIAL.

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BANKERS,

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DEALERS IN ALL ISSUES OF GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.
FIRST-CLASS RAILROAD AND MUNICIPAL BONDS ALWAYS ON HAND FOR INVESTMENT.
BUY AND SELL ON COMMISSION
RAILWAY STOCKS, BONDS, AND GOLD.

INTEREST ON DEPOSITS.

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JAS. A. TROWBRIDGE, LATHAM A. FISH.

PROPOSALS FOR $2,717,000

STOCKS AND BONDS OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK.

Sealed proposals will be received at the Controller's office until TUESDAY, Nov. 25, 1873, at 2 o'clock P. M., when the same will be publicly opened, for the whole or any part of the sum of $2,717,000 stocks and bonds of the City of New-York, to wit:

Consolidated stock of the City of New-York, authorized by section 4, chapter 444, laws of 1872, and chapter 322, laws of 1871, payable Nov. 1, 1884 ..... $1,692,000

City Parks Improvement Fund stock, authorized by chapter 756, section 6, laws of 1873, payable in thirty years 300,000

Croton water-main stock, authorized by chapter 865, laws of 1873, payable Nov. 1, 1905 225,000

Dock bonds of the City of New-York, authorized by section 6, chapter 374, laws of 1871, payable Nov. 1, 1904 500,000

Said stocks and bonds will bear interest at the rate of seven per cent. per annum, payable on the 1st day of May and November in each year.

Each proposal should be sealed and indorsed "Proposals for Stocks and Bonds of the City of New-York," and inclosed in a second envelope addressed to the Controller.

The right is reserved, on the part of the Controller, to reject any or all bids, if, in his judgment, the interests of the Corporation require it.

For full information see *City Record*.

ANDREW H. GREEN, Controller.

CITY OF NEW-YORK, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, CONTROLLER'S OFFICE, Nov. 19, 1873.

MISSISSIPPI AND MISSOURI RAILROAD COMPANY.

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS.

A second Dividend on the assented stock of the Mississippi and Missouri Railroad Company will be paid in bonds of the City of Muscatine, Iowa, on presentation of the Union Trust Company certificates at the office of Messrs. Riggs & Co., No. 60 Wall st.

G. W. STANTON, Jr.,
JOHN ELLIOTT,
B. WILSON,
} Committee.

ROBERT WINTHROP & CO.,

BANKERS AND BROKERS,
No. 18 WALL-ST.

Execute orders for STOCKS, BONDS, and GOLD, allow interest on DEPOSITS, and transact a general Banking and Brokerage business.

DAVIDSON & JONES,
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Buy and sell stocks, Gold, and Government Securities on commission. Stocks carried on margin; deposits received, subject to check at sight, on which four per cent. interest allowed.

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Brooklyn 7 per Cent. Bonds.
Also other choice Stocks and Bonds,
Paying 10 to 20 per Cent. of low rates, for sale by
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N. B.—Investment Securities our specialty over twenty years.

JOHN MUNROE & CO.,
BANKERS, NO. 8 WALL-ST., NEW-YORK,
ISSUE CIRCULAR LETTERS OF CREDIT ON
MUNROE & CO., PARIS, AND ON THE
CONSOLIDATED BANK, LONDON.

BROWN BROTHERS & CO.,
59 WALL-ST.,
ISSUE COMMERCIAL AND TRAVELLERS' CREDITS
AVAILABLE IN all PARTS of the WORLD.

MUTUAL GAS STOCK,
bought and sold by
W. C. NOYES,
Nos. 4 and 6 Pine st.

NOTICE.—OAKES AMES, ONE OF THE TRUSTEES under the first mortgage indenture of the road of the Union Pacific Railway Company, having deceased, and the surviving Trustee and the said corporation having failed to unite in the appointment of a successor, a meeting of the bondholders under said mortgage, for the purpose of filling such vacancy, pursuant to the terms thereof, will be held at room No. 20 Drexel Building, corner of Wall and Broad sts., New-York City, on WEDNESDAY, Dec. 3, 1873, at 12 o'clock M.

C. H. ROLLINS,
Secretary Union Pacific Railroad Company.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY SECURITY COMPANY,
No. 20 Nassau-st., New-York, Nov. 22, 1873.

A MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS of the Southern Railway Security Company will be held at the office of the Company, No. 20 Nassau-st., in the city of New-York, on the 15th day of December next, at 12 o'clock M., for the purpose of authorizing sale of certain properties of the Company. By order.

C. P. MACKIE, Secretary.

FINANCIAL.

CITY OF ROCHESTER

7 PER CENT. BONDS,

ISSUED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF WATER-WORKS UNDER ACT OF LEGISLATURE.
PASSED APRIL 27, 1872.

Rochester possesses the elements of a prosperity unexcelled, if equaled, by any other city in the State. It is the centre of trade to a surrounding population of about 500,000, to whom the means of transportation are furnished by Railroads radiating from the city in eleven different directions.

Its indebtedness, excluding this loan, is less than $1,850,000, while it has Public Property amounting to about $2,350,000, and Private Real Estate valued at $70,000,000.

The bonds are issued in either Coupon or Registered form; the Registered being transferable at the office of the Union Trust Company of New-York, where both principal and interest are payable.

The expenditure of moneys derived from their sale is directed by the Mayor of the city and the Board of Commissioners.

PRICE PAR AND INTEREST. CIRCULARS UPON APPLICATION.

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RECEIVE DEPOSITS, subject to check at sight, on which INTEREST is allowed at the rate of FOUR PER CENT. per annum.

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CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT issued, payable on demand, with interest.

GOVERNMENTS, GOLD, STOCKS, and BONDS bought and sold on commission.

DRAW BILLS on LONDON BANKING ASSOCIATION and GERMAN BANK OF LONDON.

BUY AND SELL EXCHANGE ON LONDON.

THE UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY OMAHA BRIDGE BONDS.—In accordance with the provisions of the above bonds, we, the undersigned, hereby give notice that the following numbers, viz.:

27	582	1,080	1,545	2,145
71	644	1,186	1,593	2,188
73	837	1,189	1,646	2,243
80	914	1,244	1,648	2,365
220	947	1,261	1,677	2,400
223	971	1,265	1,807	2,458
391	992	1,410	1,932	2,467
439	964	1,479	1,953	2,490
523	1,051	1,535	2,055	

were this day designated by lot in our presence to be redeemed, together with the premium thereon, as provided in said bonds at the London and San Francisco bank, limited, No. 22 Old Broad street, London, E. C., England, or at the office of Drexel, Morgan & Co., in the City of New-York, on the 1st day of April, 1874.

NEW-YORK, Nov. 22, 1873.

J. PIERPONT MORGAN,
ELISHA ATKINS,
} Trustees.
J. NORRIS ROBINSON,
Of Drexel, Morgan & Co.

[L. S.] Attest:
DAVID W. PRICE, Notary Public, New-York County.

7s.—CITY OF NEW-YORK 7s,

DUE IN 1900.
FOR SALE AT A LIBERAL DISCOUNT.
GEO. K. SISTARE.

ATLANTIC INSURANCE SCRIP
BOUGHT AND SOLD BY WM. C. GILMAN,
No. 40 Pine st.

OFFICE OF THE FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY,
No. 153 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Nov. 12, 1873.

AT THE ANNUAL ELECTION OF DIRECTORS, held on the 10th inst., the following gentlemen were duly elected:

DIRECTORS.

EPTINGHAM TOWNSEND, GEORGE F. GANTZ,
CHARLES P. LEVERICH, WILLIAM H. WALLACE,
WILLIAM G. READ, ALONZO SLOTE,
ABM. E. VAN NEST, LUCIUS H. BIGLOW,
EDWARD H. OWEN, PETER L. MEVIUS,
JOHN F. HALSTED, JAMES MCGEE,
LAWRENCE M. LUTHER, ARTHUR T. SULLIVAN,
CHARLES D. MATHEWS, WARREN HARRIOT,
JOHN Y. HARRIOTT, JOHN H. WAYDELL,
THOMAS C. POLLOCK, JOHN J. CRANE.
WILLIAM R. GARRISON.

INSPECTORS OF NEXT ELECTION.

MATTHEW BIRD, HIRAM RAYNOR.
JOHN M. WHITE.

At a subsequent meeting of the board, held this day, Mr. JOHN F. HALSTED was unanimously elected President, and Mr. JOHN Y. HARRIOTT, Vice President.

THADDEUS J. WHITLOCK, Secretary.

DIVIDENDS.

OFFICE PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD COMPANY,
PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 7, 1873.

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS.

The Board of Directors this day declared a semi-annual dividend of FIVE PER CENT. on the capital stock of the Company, clear of all taxes, payable on and after Dec. 6, 1873, in scrip of the Company, which shall be payable in cash on the 60th day of March, 1875, or sooner, at the option of the Company, bearing interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum.

On Dec. 6 the dividend will be paid to ladies only; after that date they must await their turn with other stockholders.

The time for the payment of the installments on new stock, which expires Nov. 28 inst., will be extended until Dec. 31 proximo, and the scrip certificates issued for dividend will be received at par in payment for the same.

EDMUND SMITH, Treasurer.

CLEVELAND AND PITTSBURG RAILROAD COMPANY'S
OFFICE OF SECRETARY AND TREASURER,
CLEVELAND, Ohio, Nov. 8, 1873.

THE REGULAR GUARANTEED QUARTERLY Dividend of this Company, at the rate of Seven Per Cent. per annum on the new Guaranteed Stock, will be paid on and after the 1st of December proximo, at the offices of the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, No. 20 William st., New-York City.

The transfer-books will close on the 15th inst., and reopen on the 2d December.

GEO. A. INGERSOLL, Secretary.

THE BUFFALO, NEW-YORK AND ERIE RAILROAD COMPANY, NEW-YORK, Nov. 20, 1873.

THE COUPONS DUE DEC. 1, 1873, ON THE first mortgage bonds of this Company will be paid on and after that date, at the office of the Company, No. 9 Nassau st., New-York. In consequence of counterfeit bonds being in circulation, the coupons will only be paid when presented attached to the bonds. Holders will obviate payment by promptly withholding from their bonds a list of the numbers, amount, and name of owner to whose order payment will be made.

By order of the Executive Committee,

CHAS. G. MILLER, President.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY,
No. 113 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Nov. 20, 1873.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THIS COMPANY have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of three dollars ($3) per share, payable on the 2d day of January next, to stockholders of record at the time of the closing of the transfer books.

The transfer books will be closed at 3 o'clock P. M. on the 6th day of December next, and reopened on the 3d day of January next, at 10 o'clock A. M.

By order of the board.

J. N. KNAPP, Secretary.

ST. LOUIS AND IRON MOUNTAIN RAILROAD COMPANY,
No. 120 BROADWAY,
NEW-YORK, Nov. 18, 1873.

THE COUPONS DUE DEC. 1, FROM BONDS of the St. Louis and Iron Mountain Railroad Company, Arkansas Branch, will be paid in gold, on and after that date, at the Agency of the Company, No. 120 Broadway.

H. G. MARQUAND, Vice President.

DRY DOCK, EAST BROADWAY AND BATTERY RAILROAD COMPANY,
OFFICE No. 605 GRAND ST.,
NEW-YORK, Nov. 20, 1873.

THE COUPONS DUE DEC. 1 FROM THE BONDS of the Dry Dock, East Broadway and Battery Railroad Company, will be paid on and after that date at the office of the Company, No. 605 Grand st.

RICHARD KELLY, Treasurer.

ROME, WATERTOWN, AND OGDENSBURG RAILROAD,
PRESIDENT'S OFFICE, No. 52 WALL ST.,
NEW-YORK, Nov. 22, 1873.

COUPONS, DUE AND PAYABLE BY THIS COMPANY on the 1st day of December next and thereafter, will be paid at the National City Bank, No. 52 Wall st.

MARCELLUS MASSEY, President.

THE COUPONS DUE DEC. 1, FROM BONDS of the Cairo, Arkansas and Texas Railroad Company, will be paid in gold on and after that date at the Agency of the Company, No. 120 Broadway.

H. G. MARQUAND, Vice President.

SAVINGS BANKS.

IRVING SAVINGS INSTITUTION

NO. 96 WARREN-ST., NEW-YORK.

SIX PER CENT. INTEREST allowed on all sums. Interest commences from 1st of January, April, July, and October.

Bank open daily from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M.

WALTER W. CONCKLIN, President.
VANDERBILT L. BURTON, Secretary.

DEPOSIT TO-DAY.

THE FREEDMAN'S SAVINGS AND TRUST COMPANY, Chartered by the United States,
No. 166 Bleecker st., New-York.
ASSETS ..... OVER $4,000,000.
J. W. ALVORD, President.
A. S. HUNTINGTON, Actuary.
F. W. SPRAGUE, General Inspector.
SAM'L D. HARRIS, Manager.
Send for circular. JOHN J. ZUILLE, Cashier.

SITUATIONS WANTED.

FEMALES.

ADVERTISEMENTS ARE RECEIVED FOR THE NEW-YORK TIMES
At the "Times" Up-Town Office,
No. 54½ West 23d-st., junction Broadway and 6th-av.,
And the "Times" West-Side Office,
No. 308 West 23d-st., corner of 8th-av.
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TWEED IN PRISON.

A GREAT CRIME JUSTLY PUNISHED.

TWELVE YEARS IN THE COUNTY JAIL AND $12,500 FINE—IMPRESSIVE REMARKS OF JUDGE DAVIS.

The trial of Wm. M. Tweed, which terminated on Saturday, resulted as everyone who did not apprehend the possible force of corruption must have expected. The jury performed their duty fearlessly, and the consequence is that the dignity of the law has been vindicated, and the interests of justice upheld. There have been more exciting trials from time to time, in this City, but none in which greater issues were at stake. The trial and conviction of William M. Tweed, has been a death-blow to the power of the Ring, and has redeemed the tarnished name of the City. It has restored public confidence, and shows that criminals of every rank may be reached, even though they be hedged in by great personal influence, and immense pecuniary resources. The scene in the court-room on Saturday morning was one to be remembered. Public excitement seemed to be at a high pitch, and the court-room was crowded to its utmost capacity. The culprit seemed to have abandoned all the indifference which he displayed during the progress of the trial, and appeared to feel his situation keenly. Throughout the address of Judge Davis, and during the reading of the sentence, Tweed stood facing the law he had so long defied, embodied in the dignified and fearless magistrate upon the bench. There was nothing imposing in Tweed as he thus stood facing the law. He clutched the back of the chair before him with both hands as if to support himself. There was nothing of the defiant in his look. His face was pallid and his gaze almost vacant. At times his lip quivered, but in the main he was wonderfully calm. But it was the calmness of despair, not of defiance. When Judge Davis, referring to the audacity of the criminal, brought his hand down upon his desk by way of emphasis, a tremor, faint but still perceptible, ran through the frame of the culprit. There was no sign of his giving way to those some distance from him, but the officer who sat beside him put up his hand as if to support him. When the ordeal was over, Tweed sank into his chair, weighed down apparently for the first time by a consciousness of his condition.

MOTION IN ARREST OF JUDGMENT.

The argument of the prisoner's counsel on the motion in arrest of judgment, was regarded as mere waste of time, a pretense to delay the impending judgment, and nobody doubted that the decision of Judge Davis would be adverse to the application. Mr. Graham, however, presented his argument in support of the motion, and, at its conclusion, the application was denied by his Honor. Mr. Tremain then moved for judgment, stating his belief that there should be a judgment on each count, identical as to the similar counts, and consecutive as to the different offenses. This proposition was resisted by the prisoner's counsel, who contended that the Court could only pronounce a general sentence. Judge Davis said that if a general verdict had been given, the Court could only pass sentence of a year's imprisonment and $250 fine for the actual, bold, audacious robbery of the City and County to the extent of $1,000,000. Under the verdict of the jury, however, the Court had larger powers, which he hoped he would exercise with prudence, and with due regard to the interest of the public, and to the example which it was necessary should be made of evil-doers.

THE SENTENCE.

Judge Davis then passed sentence. He said:

William M. Tweed, you stand convicted by the verdict of an intelligent and honest jury of the large number of crimes charged against you in this indictment. That verdict, in the opinion of the court, could not have been otherwise without a violation of the oath which the jury had taken, and an utter disregard of the obligations under which they rested to speak the truth, and the truth only, by their verdict. The proof in this case, when laid before the jury at the close of the case, was simply a mathematical demonstration of your guilt. Holding a high public office, honored, and respected by a large class of the community in which you lived, and, I have no doubt, beloved by your associates; you, with all these trusts devolved upon you, with all the opportunities you had, by a faithful discharge of your duty, to win the honor and respect of the whole community, saw fit to pervert the power with which you were clothed, in a manner more infamous, more outrageous than any instance of a like character which the history of the civilized world contains. Instead of protecting the public, you plundered it. Instead of standing guard, where the law put you, over the Treasury of your County, you threw it open—not merely threw it open to your own rapacity, but to the avarice of your associates under circumstances which make it transparent that there was a concerted conspiracy to plunder the Treasury of this County in order to enrich your associates in crime and yourself. The evidence on that subject could leave no moral doubt of your guilt. Commencing with the entering upon your office on the 5th of May, with the organization of the Board of Audit, after the passage of the resolution defining the mode in which proof should be furnished to that board and action had thereon, on the very next day your career of plunder began. On the 6th day of May, and from that forward, consecutively, until the whole 190 accounts had been audited, certified warrants issued, and the money paid, the evidence is conclusive that the whole proceeding was to carry out a concerted plan to enrich yourself and those associated with you. If there were no other circumstance in the case to prove that, it would in my judgment be conclusively established by the fact that on each of these several claims, as they were passed upon and ultimately paid, your share of the plunder was equal, fixed, prescribed evidently at twenty-four per cent., and the share of your associates seemed to have been measured by a similar standard. It is impossible to believe that on the distribution in the 190 cases where the money was received on these warrants, twenty-four per cent. should have been allowed to you unless it was understood in advance, by arrangement, that that sum should be your fixed proportion of the moneys for which the County was to be plundered. When we see a machine of particular invention in operation, and at each revolution we see a fixed amount of some manufacture or product, we argue from that result that it is the work of a particular mind in which thought and reflection have developed themselves in that form. And when we see the machinery through which you operated produce a like result in such a form that it is impossible not to see that behind it lay a concerted conspiracy by which you, in common with the others who shared that plunder, were able to reap the benefit of your grave and awful crime, it is in vain to suggest that your trial and conviction have been the result of any partisan feeling, that it is a struggle, as one juror said, between "ins" and "outs." No, the whole contest has been a struggle between honesty and fraud, between virtue and crime. While it is true that one great and powerful leading paper in this City, belonging to a particular party, was the first to drag to light and hold up to the public eye these infamous frauds, yet it is equally true that prominent people, honorable men of all parties, united to investigate and develop their true character. Mr. O'Brien, who has been named here, who in the discharge of his duty took in his profession and without a dollar of fee or a character as pure and noble as any in this City, immediately, from his semi-retirement, came to aid in the rescue of this great City from corruption; and Mr. Tilden, who stood as a leading man at the head of the great Democratic Party of this State, devoted weeks and months of toil in ferreting out these crimes, in ascertaining through the bank accounts the true character of what had been done, until he was able to lay before us in this trial, in absolute crystalline simplicity, the truth so clear and plain that no man could fail to read it. I need not allude to other prominent men of your own party who take active parts in these proceedings that have ultimately led to your conviction. It would be wrong, it would be unjust, to entertain for one moment the idea that your conviction has been the result of persecution at the hands of any person or any party. It has been the result of the ascertainment of the truth, of the production of evidence so clear and plain that never in my experience or in my reading have I seen a case where the evidence was so utterly overwhelming, or where that it was so impossible for the jury to fail to see the truth. Through the whole of this trial until your conviction you remained as calm and serene as if you relied upon innocence for an acquittal, while it was overwhelmingly apparent that your serenity was only audacity—confidence in the omnipotence of corruption rather than reliance upon integrity and innocence. It is the duty of the court to pronounce upon you a sentence that may be in some degree adequate to your crime.

His Honor then proceeded to sentence the prisoner on the several counts on which he had been convicted—the aggregate punishment amounting to twelve years' imprisonment, and a fine of $12,500.

THE CASE OF CONTEMPT.

The prisoner having been removed by the officers of the court, Judge Davis, addressing counsel for the defense, said: "During this case, an occurrence took place that I gave notice would be taken into consideration after the close of the trial, and if it will be convenient to deal with it on Monday morning, the court will enter upon the inquiry. The matter is in relation to the action of counsel at the commencement of this case. They will easily understand to what I refer.

The court then adjourned till to-day at 10:30.

MOVEMENTS OF THE PRISONER.

Immediately after the sentence was pronounced Mr. Tweed was taken in charge by Deputy Sheriffs Shields and Cahill, and by them taken into the room of the Supreme Court Chambers. Tweed retired to a distant corner of the room, where he was shortly joined by his brother and his two sons, with whom he engaged in earnest conversation. The great criminal looked an utterly broken man. All the old confidence, approaching to audacity, that in the days of his prosperity had characterized his demeanor, had vanished, and in its place was an air of despondency that proclaimed a man without hope. Even while engaged in conversation with his relatives he kept his head bowed and shaded his eyes with his hand. About 5 o'clock all not immediately connected with the defendant received an intimation from the Deputy Sheriffs to retire. Upon this many of those present in the room stepped up to where Tweed was seated and sorrowfully bade him farewell.

About 6 P. M. the prisoner was taken from the room of the Supreme Court Chambers and brought down to the Sheriff's office. There his counsel joined him, and measures were at once adopted towards obtaining a stay of proceedings and procuring an order for a new trial. It had just then become known that the sentence of Judge Davis had consigned the prisoner to the Penitentiary, and not to Ludlow-street Jail. When the friends of Tweed realized that the Penitentiary was his destined place of detention they were filled with dismay, as was the convict himself. Efforts were made in various quarters to obtain a stay of proceedings, but without success. When Tweed learned of the failure of these efforts he was, it is said, utterly broken down. Those who witnessed his agitation during the weary and anxious hours that elapsed between the time of his conviction and midnight, while his zealous counsel were striving to obtain a stay, did not hesitate to assert that he will not long survive if consigned to the Penitentiary.

At about 1 o'clock the commitments had been completed, and the Sheriff's Deputies intimated to the prisoner that the time had come for them to remove him to the Tombs. The prisoner expressed his readiness to accompany the officers, and accordingly the party left the Sheriff's office, entered a carriage which was in waiting outside the Court-house, and were driven to the Tombs. The prisoner was accompanied by his two sons, and by Mr. Edelston, one of his counsel. Arrived at the Tombs, the prisoner was transferred to the custody of the night warden, and was removed to cell No. 6, on the first tier.

TWEED IN THE TOMBS.

HIS FIRST SUNDAY IN PRISON—PROBABLE TACTICS OF HIS COUNSEL.

Tweed, on being taken to his cell yesterday morning, at once retired to rest, and being probably worn out with excitement and fatigue, slept soundly. He remained in his cell all day yesterday, and occupied himself in the perusal of the newspapers and in writing letters to his family and friends. Several persons, relatives and acquaintances, called to visit him, but Warden Johnson strictly enforced the prison rules, and allowed no one to see the prisoner. To a reporter of THE TIMES the Warden stated that he had had several conversations with Tweed during the day, and that the prisoner preserved outwardly an appearance of wonderful composure. The warden said he had received no instructions as to the disposition of the prisoner to-day; that the matter was entirely in the hands of the Sheriff, who could at his pleasure either take Tweed to the Penitentiary or leave him in the Tombs temporarily. The stay which the counsel for Tweed were endeavoring to obtain on Saturday evening was merely an order that would enable the Sheriff to retain Tweed in his custody without committing him to prison pending the decision of the Supreme Court, on the making out of the bill of exceptions, which is now being prepared, and which will be argued as soon as possible. A stay of proceedings, such as would allow of the prisoner being admitted to bail pending a new trial, cannot be obtained until this bill of exceptions is prepared and argued, which will necessarily occupy some time, as after the counsel for the prisoner have prepared the bill, it must be sent to the District Attorney, who must have a reasonable time allowed to answer.

Opinion is divided as to what course the Sheriff will pursue to-day, some believing that he will order Tweed to be at once taken to the Penitentiary, while others think that he will permit him to remain in the Tombs until such time as argument shall have been had on the bill of exceptions and a decision rendered one way or the other.

OTHER RING SUITS.

KEYSER'S ACCOUNTS.

About two years ago Keyser, one of the favorites of the "Ring," made an assignment of considerable property to Jackson S. Schultz, in trust for the City, for the purpose of repaying the overcharges which he admitted he had made in his accounts against the City. There was one condition, however, in this assignment. Keyser claimed that although he had made overcharges in the bills that had been paid, there was still a large amount due to him on unsettled accounts, and that he believed, if a fair balance were struck, there would be money coming to him from the City. He gave the assignment on condition that these unpaid accounts should be examined, and that any balance found due to him on foot of these accounts, after deducting overcharges in previous accounts, should be paid to him. If, however, the balance should be found on the other side of the account, then Mr. Schultz was to pay the money over to the City Treasury out of the property of Keyser in his hands. Attorney General Barlow says that Mr. Schults has now $30,000 or $35,000 belonging to Keyser, who, he says, has acted very honorably in the whole matter; but as Controller Green has not yet examined, or at least finished the examination of Keyser's accounts, no settlement can yet be made. As soon as Controller Green finds time to report upon Keyser's bills, Mr. Schultz, it is said, will close up the account according to the terms of the assignment.

SOME CURIOUS FISH.

The following letter may be interesting to naturalists. It is in acknowledgment of some rare varieties of fish, sent by Mr. John Sutherland, of No. 64 Liberty street, to the United States Commission of Fish and Fisheries:

UNITED STATES COMMISSION, FISH AND FISHERIES, WASHINGTON, Nov. 14, 1873.

DEAR SIR: My absence from Washington during the greater part of the time since the receipt of the specimens which you so kindly presented to the United States Fish Commission, must be my excuse for not sooner acknowledging their safe arrival. They came in excellent condition, and have been placed in the collection of the National Museum, where they fill an important gap.

These are respectively the *Ephippus Gigas*, or Angel Fish; the *Balistes Capriscus*, the Trigger Fish, and the *Peprirus Gardenii*, or Harvest Fish; the first mentioned being the very large, broad, and silvery specimen; the second, the still larger, dark-colored, rough-scaled species, and the third, the smaller one, looking something like the young Pompano.

Very little is known of the habits of these fish or their distribution, the first-mentioned, or Angel Fish, occurring over a considerable extent of the American coast, and in the Summer season very abundant on the coast of South Carolina and Georgia. The Trigger Fish is very widely distributed, occurring both in the Pacific and Atlantic, and very common in the Mediterranean Sea, though less frequently found on the American coast.

The smallest species is a native of the Atlantic coast of tropical America, but has never been found further north than New-York. It is figured on page 75 of *De Kay's Fishes of New-York*, as "*Rhombus longipinnis*," and it is quite closely allied to what is called the Harvest Fish, *Poronotus Triacanthus*, and very common along our coast from New-York to Penobscot Bay.

Thanking you again for this interesting contribution to our collection, I remain very truly yours,

SPENCER F. BAIRD, Commissioner.

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ANNIVERSARY SERVICES.

Yesterday being the eighth anniversary of the opening of St. Alban's Church, in East Forty-seventh street, the occasion was commemorated by an extra service at 11 A. M. The church was comfortably filled with the usual congregation and visitors. The altar was profusely decorated with flowers, and as the hour of service approached, the tall candles on either side of the large cross were lighted. After a well-rendered voluntary on the organ, the side doors leading to the vestry were thrown open, and a procession appeared in the following order: Cross-bearer, deacon swinging a handsome censer, acolytes in scarlet cassocks and white surplices, followed by a standard-bearer, the choristers in blue cassocks and white surplices, another standard-bearer, deacons and sub-deacons, two acolytes bearing lighted candles, and, lastly, Father Morrill robed in elaborate vestments. After the usual prayers had been chanted and the Gospel read, the Nicene Creed was sung by the choir. Father Morrill then ascended the pulpit, and said that, instead of preaching the usual sermon, he would read a short address commemorative of this their eighth anniversary. In 1865, he said, the church was first opened. Previous to this time there were few churches that were strictly free, relying solely on voluntary contributions for support. During the eight years the church had been in existence the contributions of the congregation had been ample, not only for its support, but for a considerable extension of its original dimensions. A vestry had been added to the church, and a parsonage built at a large cost. The total contributions during that period were $97,209 14, including $10,369 41 which had been contributed during the past year. The reverend gentleman remarked, in giving these statistics, that they were the best evidence of the success of the voluntary system. It was a proof that the house of God could be supported by the free-will offerings of its members, without descending to the practice of raffling for, or renting the pews of the sacred edifice. He added that this gratifying success had been attained despite the persecutions of members of their own communion and of the secession of members of the congregation, who had been induced to leave by absurd charges made against them of "favoring Popishness in some other particulars." He concluded his address by thanking the congregation for their past support, and warned them, in the present hard times, to retrench, if they retrenched at all, in temporal matters, but not to withhold their accustomed contributions in spiritual matters, but to give in proportion to the means which God had given them. The exercises were concluded by the administering of communion to a large number, and the procession filed out in the same order in which it had entered. Afternoon and evening services were held as usual at 4 and 7:30 P. M. It was announced that the services on Thanksgiving Day would be at 10:30 A. M., and 4 and 7:30 P. M.

THE GOSPEL FOR THE POOR.

Last night Rev. Matthew Hale Smith delivered a lecture on the subject of "London Work and Workers among the Lowly," at the South Baptist Church, Twenty-fifth street, near Eighth avenue. He said that, in his judgment, English Christians were twenty-five years in advance of us in the manner in which they reached the masses. They had systematized the work of evangelization, and men of the highest stamp were engaged in it. In the City of London there were 3,000 lay preachers who went out to preach the Gospel on the Sabbath. They were to be found on the highways and byways, and they were glad to convert a hay-cart or anything of the sort into a pulpit. Mr. Spurgeon had 600 lay workers in his own church, and every Monday morning he called these men together and ascertained from them where they had worked on the previous day, and what measure of success they had obtained. The object aimed at was not to create sensation, but to speak to the poor and the lowly about Him who, while He was on earth, was as poor as they were. Lord Shaftesbury, who was at the head of this great lay work, told him that when it was begun twenty-five years ago not 200 working men in London entered a church. Some of the churches there had incomes of £10,000 and £30,000 a year, and yet he had frequently seen only ten persons there during a full choral service. As the people would not go to the churches or chapels it was determined to go into the streets and low alleys, and preach the Word of God to them. The theatres were thrown open on Sundays, and plain, humble men like themselves addressed working men on the great subject of the Redemption. Singing bands went among the sick and the convalescent, and physical comforts were given to the destitute and the needy. In this way people who had never entered a church or a chapel were reached and brought to a knowledge of the Savior.

PERSONAL.

Capt. R. F. Ward, of the British Navy, is at the Brevoort House.

H. B. James, of the Treasury Department, is at the Metropolitan Hotel.

Gen. Nelson H. Davis, United States Army, is at the Grand Central Hotel.

Lieut. Commander Frederick R. Smith, United States Navy, is at the Westminster Hotel.

Hon. James Harlan, of Washington, and Col. J. H. French, of Boston, are at the Windsor Hotel.

Hon. John Ganson, of Buffalo, and Horace Fairbanks, of Vermont, are at the Fifth Avenue Hotel.

Mr. H. C. Rothery, British Fishery Commissioner, who is to represent the Canadian Government in the joint commission on the fisheries question between the United States and Canada, arrived at the Brevoort House yesterday, en route to Washington. The Fishery Commission will soon meet at Halifax.

ELECTION OF CONGRESSMAN.

A special election for a member of Congress will be held to-day in the Fourth District of Louisiana, to fill the vacancy caused by the recent death of Hon. Samuel Peters. The Republicans have nominated Hon. George L. Smith, and last week held some successful meetings in the district. The New-Orleans *Republican* says the nomination is well received, and it thinks it likely that a larger vote will be polled for Mr. Smith than was cast for the Republican candidate in the election of 1870. The vote last Fall was: Peters, Republican, 13,787; Davidson, Democrat, 7,752; Republican majority, 6,035.

CONTEST FOR A MILLION.

NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE HARDEN WILL CASE.

The Harden will case, which has been pending for some time before Surrogate Hutchings, assumed a new phase on Saturday. It will be recollected that the suit is one to determine the right of a lady to share equally in an estate amounting to nearly $2,000,000 with the next of kin of the deceased, George Harden, who was a capitalist in this City. The lady claims to have been the lawful wife of the deceased, and some of the testimony given on a former occasion goes to show that they at one time lived together as husband and wife, under the assumed name of Walker, at No. 22 Cornelia street. On Saturday, however, adverse testimony of a peculiar character was given. An old man named Robert Walker was called to the stand, and swore that he was the veritable husband of the so called Mrs. Harden, to whom he was married in the year 1836; that he lived with her until 1843 or 1844, when they separated, as he stated, on account of her bad habits, and that soon after she was arrested for stealing a gold watch, for which she was tried in the Court of General Sessions, convicted, and sentenced to two years in Sing Sing State Prison, where she served out her term, and at which place he paid her a visit; that before that time he had once seen his wife in company with Harden, and that he had been informed, indirectly, that she had been on terms of intimacy with Harden. A photograph of the lady was produced to the witness—she not being in court—and he stated as matter of belief that it was the portrait of his wife, though he would not like to swear to it without other corroboration. The witness underwent a most searching cross-examination at the hands of Ex-Judge Porter, the counsel of the lady, from which it appears that Walker was found on Blackwell's Island in the Almshouse, some days ago, by detectives, after a long search; that he had been provided with clothing and cared for by one of the detectives; that since his separation from his wife he had plied his trade as a shoemaker in the City of Brooklyn and vicinity, working short periods with a large number of persons, whose names he gave, with their places of business, and with a good deal of particularity in respect to dates; that he had been a common drunkard; had been frequently sent by the police courts to Blackwell's Island for drunkenness, where he had served out terms varying from a few days to a few weeks, and had then been discharged, when he would resume work until again arrested for drunkenness and again sent to prison. If Walker is an impostor, he has, by reason of his circumstantial statements, laid himself open to be easily contradicted. One witness, an old man named Richard Burke, who had employed Walker in 1843 and '44 for some time, was called to the stand, and corroborated Walker in several of his important statements, among others in reference to his statement of his wife having been arrested, convicted, and sentenced to Sing Sing for the larceny of a gold watch.

A KUKLUX STORY.

HOW AN IMPOSTOR WORKS UPON CHARITABLE SOUTHERNERS.

The following statement, credited to the Savannah (Ga.) *Advertiser and Republican*, are going the rounds of the newspapers, and are satisfactorily disposed of by the Baltimore *American*. The *Advertiser* says: "Yesterday, a reporter of this paper interviewed a man named Richard Cue, a former citizen of New-Orleans, and a prominent sculptor of that city. Mr. Cue is on his way to his family in Baltimore, having been pardoned and liberated from the Albany (New-York) Prison. The case of Mr. Cue is one of great hardship. He stated to our reporter that in April of the year 1870 he was present at a meeting in New-Orleans, called for the purpose of awarding the contract for carving a marble figure of Gen. Pat. Cleburne. The contract was awarded to him, his bid being $4,000. He left New-Orleans for Baltimore or New-York, in order to purchase a piece of marble suitable for the purpose. On his arrival at Summerville, S. C., he stopped for the purpose of delivering a letter from his wife to her mother, residing in that town, consequently he was compelled to lay over until the following day. While waiting at the depot a lady called upon him and informed him that a young girl had been found with evident marks upon her of the most outrageous violence. A rope or something else had been put around her neck, and she had evidently been choked to death, as her tongue protruded some distance out of her mouth. Her person had been outraged. The lady who called upon Mr. Cue did so for the purpose of securing his assistance in discovering the villains. In company with four others he went in search of them, and, fortunately, they succeeded that very night in finding two negroes, who, when captured, confessed the crime, and by daylight they were hung upon the branch of a tree. It was not long before Mr. Cue and three others were in the clutches of the United States officers, and although he offered any bond they required, he was laughed at, sent to Columbia, and tried before a jury composed of six negroes and six carpet-baggers. Of course he was found guilty, and sentenced to fourteen years' imprisonment and to pay a fine of $2,500. Soon after this he was sent to the Penitentiary in Albany. His wife in New-Orleans sold all his property for the purpose of raising the money to pay his fine, which was done some thirteen months ago, and then moved with what little remained with her six children to Baltimore, where she has ever since been engaged in teaching music, French, and drawing. Through the influence of friends, chief among whom was Gen. Harry T. Hays, he received his pardon on or about the 27th of July last. Since then he has been in Memphis nursing the sick. He has letters in his possession from prominent persons in Memphis, and also one from Dr. Semmes, of this city. Mr. Cue had several friends and acquaintances in this city who exerted themselves in his behalf yesterday, and he was thereby enabled to leave last night on the Charleston train, on his way to his family in Baltimore."

Upon this the *American* says: "No man by the name of Richard Cue was ever tried at Columbia for violation of the Entorcement act. No such incident as that related above occurred at Summerville in 1870, or since. No Kuklux arrests were made in South Carolina in 1870. There were no trials at Columbia till November, 1871. No Kuklux ever paid a fine of $2,500; neither did the wife of any Kuklux ever pay that sum for her husband. No Kuklux was ever sentenced to fourteen years' imprisonment. The highest penalty prescribed by the act of Congress is imprisonment for ten years; the severest penalty ever imposed was a term of eight years upon a man notoriously guilty of a brutal murder. Mr. Cue has probably arrived in Baltimore by this time, and is relating the above story to such credulous people as choose to listen. We give him the benefit of the above facts to the end that he may so amend his tale of woe as to prevent it from bearing its contradiction upon its face."

CONNECTICUT POLITICS.

The Republican papers of Connecticut are already beginning to discuss the available candidates for Governor at the election next Spring. Speaking of two of those mentioned—Hon. Stephen W. Kellogg and F. J. Kingsbury, of Waterbury—the *American* of that city says: "We have no authority for the statement, and yet we do not believe that Congressman Kellogg would care for the honor of being Connecticut's Governor. He is doing very well where he is. Mr. Kingsbury is a man, however, who, if he could be persuaded to accept the nomination, would do honor to the Republican Party by being its nominee. A Hartford man cannot be chosen without offending New-Haven, nor a New-Haven man without rilling Hartford; and so the way is to choose some sensible man like Mr. Kingsbury and elect him. Mr. Kingsbury is all right on the convention platform, too, and is withal a fit man to select."

YALE COLLEGE.

The catalogue of Yale College, recently issued, shows the number of students in the theological department to be 101, against 96 last year. There are 45 in the law department, an increase of 9 since last year, and in the medical department 33 students, an increase of 8. In the department of philosophy and arts there are 60 graduate students, last year there were 50. There are 4 special students, 125 seniors, 90 juniors, 143 sophomores and 159 freshmen. The total number of undergraduate students is 519, 5 less than last year. In the Sheffield Scientific School there are 37 graduate students, 37 seniors, 66 juniors, 82 freshmen and 20 special students. The whole number of students connected with the scientific department is 242, an increase of 42 since last year. In the school of fine arts there are 6 students, last year there were 13. The whole number of students connected with the various departments of the university shows an increase of 52 over the number reported in last year's catalogue.

A BOY'S FIGHT WITH AN EAGLE.

The New-Bedford *Mercury* says that a few days ago Nelson H. Stevens, a boy living at East Fair Haven, Mass., saw a large eagle swoop down on a flock of fowl, seize one and fly into the woods. The boy went for his gun, which was loaded with shot for rabbit-shooting, and, on pursuing the eagle, found that the fowl had escaped, and that the eagle was chasing it through the bushes. He then fired, wounded the eagle, and a fierce hand-to-hand tussle ensued, in which the boy thought he had killed it. He seized his prize and, starting for home, threw it over a wall which came in his way, when it again flew back to the wood. The boy followed, and in another fight made sure of killing the bird. He then took it home, and found that it weighed eight and a half pounds and measured six feet nine inches from tip to tip.

CITY AND SUBURBAN NEWS.

NEW-YORK.

Officer James A. Gettings, of the Ninth Precinct, died suddenly at his residence, No. 528 Hudson street, yesterday.

The willow-ware factory of John Parr, No. 255 Eighth avenue, was damaged $1,200 on stock, by fire, last night. The building was damaged $200.

The Internationals resolved, yesterday, to petition the City authorities for employment for idle working women. They suggest the use of the armories as work-shops.

A slight fire occurred early yesterday morning in the galley of the schooner H. M. Waite, at Pier No. 49 North River, caused by the explosion of a kerosene lamp. Damage trifling.

Rev. Henry Morgan delivered his lecture on "Fast Young Men," at the Cooper Institute, before a large audience, last evening. He will repeat it next Sunday evening at Tammany Hall.

The Schillerbund Vocal Society gave a musical and dramatic entertainment at the Turn Hall lastevening, which attracted a large attendance of the friends of the organization.

The White Star steam-ship *Celtic*, which left Liverpool on Nov. 14, and Queenstown at midnight of the same day, reached this port yesterday, with dates later by three days than those previously at hand. The management of the line and the officers of the *Celtic* are once more entitled to our thanks for additions to our foreign files.

BROOKLYN.

Patrick Freel, a pawnbroker, was arrested yesterday for having a stolen gold watch in his possession.

John Roesch was arrested yesterday on a charge of false pretenses, preferred by Catherine Strongberger.

LONG ISLAND.

The First Presbyterian Church of Babylon has extended a call to Rev. J. C. Nightingale, of Smithville Flats, N. Y.

The Methodists will hold a "village campmeeting" in Southold, commencing on Monday, Dec. 2, and continuing four days.

Ambrose Weeks, of Roslyn, a cabinet-maker, made a desperate and deliberate attempt to commit suicide on Saturday morning by cutting his throat with a razor.

The residents of Freeport propose to apply to the next Legislature for a grant sufficient to enable them to improve the navigation of their harbor by widening and deepening the channel.

Detectives have been employed in the search for Capt. Edward H. Hallock, of Rocky Point, who disappeared in New-York on the 13th of October last, but thus far without success. His family believe he was robbed and murdered.

NEW-JERSEY.

The African M. E. Church on Washington avenue, Jersey City Heights, has been enlarged, and was yesterday dedicated.

The new Congregational church at Park Ridge will be dedicated to-day. Rev. Henry Ward Beecher and Allen Switzer officiating.

Bishop Odenheimer, of the New-Jersey Diocese of the Protestant Episcopal Church, is still quite ill, and will not be able to resume his official duties for some time.

Mrs. M. E. Dayton, widow of Hon. A. L. Dayton, Minister to France, &c., has been made President of the Ladies' Executive State Committee on the Philadelphia Centennial Exposition.

Saturday afternoon William Westervelt, a boss carpenter employed on a new building on St. George's avenue, Rahway, fell from the scaffolding and sustained such serious injuries that he probably will not survive.

The annual reports made at the meeting of the Grand Encampment and Grand Lodge, I. O. O F., at their meeting in Trenton last week, show that the Order in the State is growing stronger, increasing in numbers and in wealth.

It is believed that Patrick Larkins, the old man who was assaulted in the saloon, corner of Railroad avenue and Coles street, at Jersey City, will recover. He is still very reticent in relation to the affray, but promises the Police that when he becomes stronger he will make his statement.

THE EXCISE LAW IN BROOKLYN.

The Police of Brooklyn again carried out the order issued a week ago for the enforcement of the excise law requiring the closing up of all liquor stores and lager-beer saloons on Sunday. Of the fifty-three persons arrested on Sunday, Nov. 16, not one has yet been tried, and it is understood the liquor dealers intend to test the legality of the arrests during the present week. The following is a list of the persons arrested yesterday: First Precinct—James McQuade, bar-keeper of Thomas Smith, No. 56 Columbia street; Michael Cullen, No. 26 Myrtle avenue; Bernard Shanley, No. 262 Gold street; Thomas Kiernan, bar-keeper for John Flynn, No. 150 Myrtle avenue; William Gaffney, bar-keeper for Louis Leiser, No. 159 Myrtle avenue; Chas. McHenry, No. 232 Washington street. Third Precinct—Jacob Green, No. 175 Court street; James Connor, No. 372 Hicks street; Thomas McLaughlin, No. 179 Sackett street; Michael Murphy, No. 173 Sackett street; Oscar Freygang, No. 416 Atlantic avenue; John Falconer, No. 6 Atlantic street. Fourth Precinct—Michael O'Donnell, Fulton avenue, near St. Felix street; John D. Burke, No. 585 Fulton avenue; Henry Whiteman, No. 370 Myrtle avenue; John Rourke, No. 319 Flushing avenue. Fifth Precinct—Henry Auman, No. 174 Broadway; Henry Sunderman, No. 326 Broadway. Eighth Precinct—Philip Gunster, No. 510 Third avenue; Dora Gerken, No. 412 Third avenue. Ninth Precinct—Bernard Schumaker, Gates avenue and Tompkins street. Tenth Precinct—Thomas Murray, No. 587 Atlantic avenue. Ninth Sub-precinct—Henry Gleamyer, No. 1,873 Fulton avenue; John Krusaher, No. 1,015 Broadway. The total number of arrests were twenty-four, and all the prisoners were locked up for examination to-day.

ARREST OF TWO DARING THIEVES.

On Friday last Detective James Simington, of Central Office, was removed from his position and ordered to post duty in the Sixth Precinct. Yesterday a gang of thieves entered the furnishing store of A. M. Bligh, No. 962 Bowery, and endeavored to rob the money-drawer. Being detected they assaulted Mr. Bligh. Simington was passing by, and entering the store seized John Lyng, of No. 26 Rivington street, and John Clinton, of the Westchester House. Clinton drew a revolver and attempted to shoot Simington, who grappled with him. Lyng then assailed Simington and a desperate fight followed, a gang of roughs, who had congregated on the street, attacking Simington. Some citizen conveyed news of the affair to Central Office, and Detectives Clapp, Bennett, and Dusenberry went to the assistance of Simington, whom they found fighting desperately against heavy odds, but retaining Lyng and Clinton in custody. Simington was badly cut about the head and hands, and received a severe kicking. Lyng and Clinton were locked up in the Sixth Precinct.

A THANKSGIVING APPEAL.

The Ladies' Union Relief Association, for the care of disabled soldiers and the widows and orphans of the war, have still under their care many whose small pensions do not keep them from suffering all the ills of poverty.

The ladies of the association appeal in their behalf, believing that many generous, patriotic friends need only to know where their contributions should be sent. They will be at their rooms, Twenty-second Regiment Armory, Fourteenth street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues, on Wednesday, the 26th inst., to receive contributions, and they earnestly hope that no soldier's widow or orphan will have to be sent away without a well-filled basket.

A TUG-BOAT BURNED.

While the tug-boat Rescue, Capt. Hennessy, was proceeding over the Bar this morning, and when about three miles outside Sandy Hook, she was discovered to be on fire. She was immediately headed for the point of the Hook, and beached near the East Beacon, where she burned to the water's edge. Crew all saved.

PROVIDENCE CLOTH MARKET.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Nov. 23.—Printing Cloths—There was a little more activity during the week at better prices, and the market closes firm. Sales of the week, 82,000 pieces at from 5c., cash, up to 5⅛c. at thirty days.

HAVANA MARKETS.

HAVANA, Nov. 22.—Sugar opened dull but closed active; Nos. 10 to 12 Dutch Standard, 11⅝@12⅛ reals ₱ arroba; Nos. 13 to 20 Dutch Standard, 13⅛@14⅜ reals. Molasses Sugar, 7@7⅞ reals. Molasses nominal. No. 12 Dutch Standard Sugar closed at 12⅛@12⅜ reals ₱ arroba. Sugar at Havana and Matanzas—Stock in warehouse, 124,000 bxs. and 4,400 hhds. Receipts of the week, 3,200 bxs. and 275 hhds. Exported during the week, 13,000 bxs. and 375 hhds., including 4,200 bxs. and all the hhds. to the United States. Bacon in fair demand at $23 50@$25 ₱ cwt. Butter easier; Superior American, $40@$42 ₱ quintal; Goshen, $49@$51 ₱ quintal. Flour in fair demand at $22 50@$25 ₱ bbl. Hams—American Sugar-cured quiet at $27@$29 ₱ quintal. Lard quiet. Potatoes in fair demand. Tallow firm at $18 50@$19 ₱ quintal. Wax—Yellow dull at $17@$17 50 ₱ arroba; White firmer at $22. Honey nominal. Onions in fair demand at $5 75@$6 ₱ bbl. Naval Stores in fair demand. Coal-oil firmer at 5⅛ reals ₱ gallon. Empty hhds. in fair demand at $5 75@$6. Lumber dull. Sheeks flat; Box, 14@17 reals; Sugar Hogshead, 29@30 reals; Molasses Hogshead, 29@30 reals. Hoops—Long thawed nominal at 110@120 ₱ M. Freights nominal, to the United States; firm, to Falmouth; French, Norwegian, and German flags preferred. Loading at Havana, to the United States, ₱ box of Sugar, 50c.; ₱ hhd. of Sugar, $3 25@$3 50; ₱ hhd. of Molasses, $3@$3 25. To Falmouth and orders, 52s. 6d.@55s. Loading at other ports on the north coast of Cuba, to the United States, ₱ hhd. of Sugar, $3 25@$3 50; ₱ hhd. of Molasses, $3@$3 25; to Falmouth and orders, 55s.@57s. 6d. Exchange quiet; on the United States, 60 days, currency, 62@63 premium; short sight, 58@59 premium; short sight, gold, 79@81 premium; on London, 99 premium; on Paris, 70@72 premium.

[Advertisement.]

A—SONS OF MALTA TO THE FRONT.—Remember your obligation. Cubs must be free! Buy your Hats at Knox's, and then forward. Knox's stores are at No. 212 Broadway, in the Prescott House, and in Fifth Avenue Hotel.

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

In steam-ship Celtic, from Liverpool.—J. Griffin, Mrs. Griffin, infant, and nurse, O. K. Irving, Miss Rose, Mrs. Cooley, Miss Cooley, Mrs. M. P. Wade, Richard J. Cortis, Mrs. Cortis, Henry J. Chase, Mrs. Chase, A. C. Barnes, Mrs. Barnes and nurse, Miss and Master Barnes, Charles A. Smith, Mrs. Smith, Rev. Father Rappeliue, Rev. W. Kelchers, Rev. Father Antolu Ruthner, Rev. Peter O. Flynn, Mr. E. Conley, H. K. Morse, B. H. Joel, Samuel B. Barton, J. F. M. Stewart, W. L. Grant, Mr. Mankittrick, Jr., Mrs. Charles Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Kirtland, Wm. Fletcher, Señor Don Jose Larenaga, Robt. Barbour, Señor Don Ramon Llarence, Señor Don Madraso, Maurice Kingsley, N. Brandt, Richard Stoltze, Jos. R. Hebert, David P. Secor, E. Cubble, Miss Emma Provost, Mrs. Emma Cubbie, Mr. Patten, Mrs. Griscom, infant and nurse, Mr. Griscom, Miss Ellison, Julius Davis.

MINIATURE ALMANAC—THIS DAY.

Sun rises....6:57 | Sun sets.....4:36 | Moon sets...8:44